

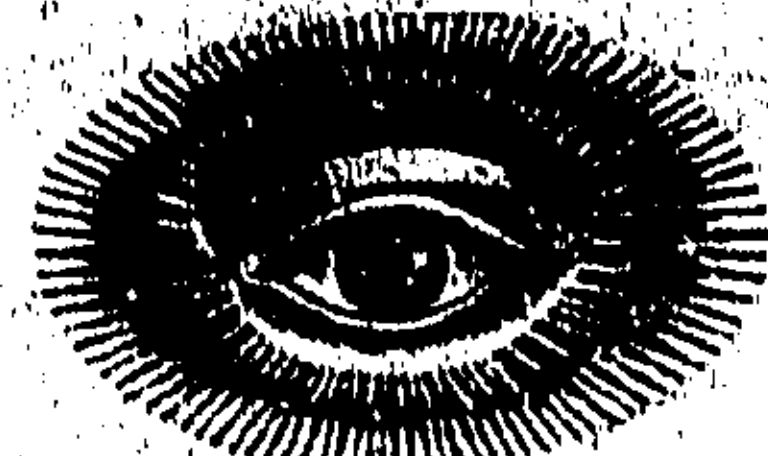
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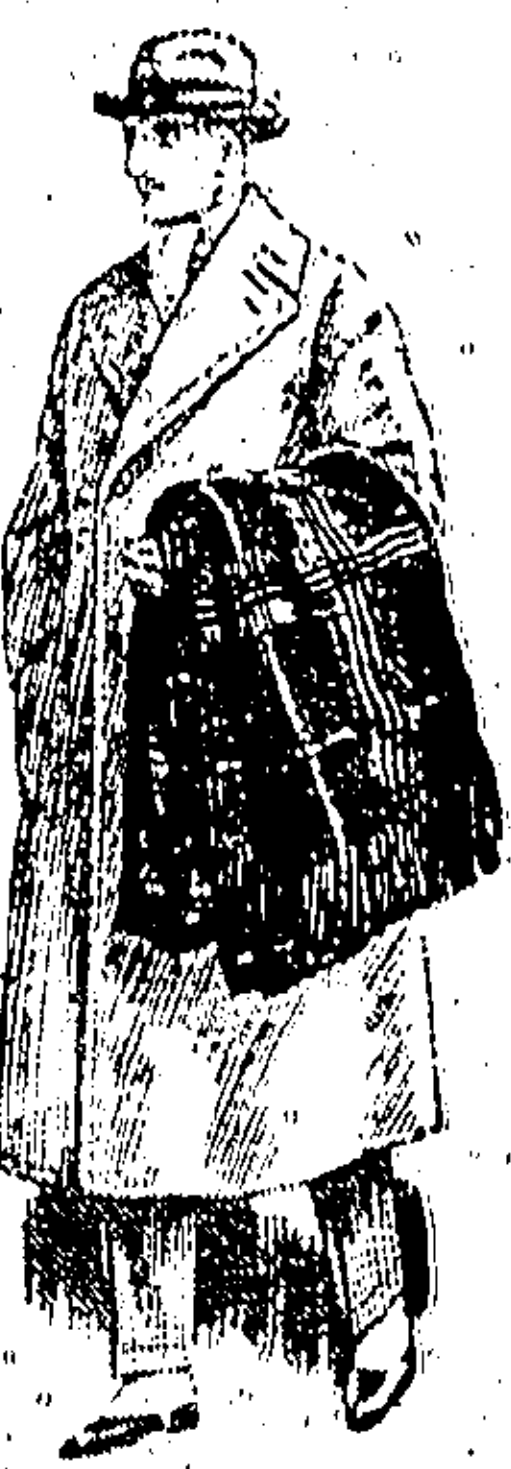
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HANKOW TROUBLE. BRITISH GOVERNMENT "WATCHFUL."

More American Marines.

SHIP'S OFFICER RESCUES FOREIGN GIRL.

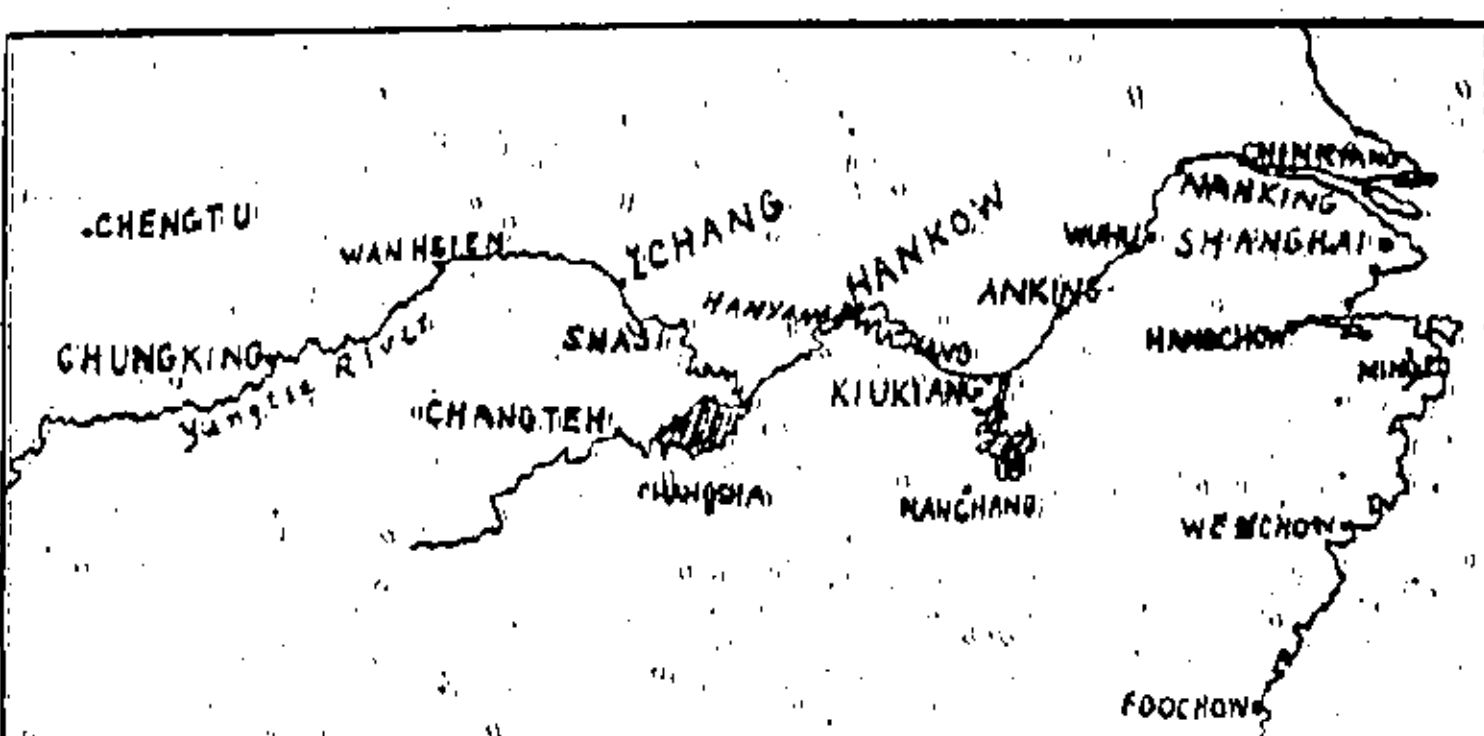
Latest news from the Yangtze is that the position generally is unchanged.

The British Government's attitude at the moment is one of watchfulness rather than general diplomatic action.

The United States is sending a detachment of 300 marines to China from Guam.

Details have reached Shanghai of a brave act performed by a British ship's officer in rescuing a foreign girl.

STORM CENTRES ON THE YANGTSE.



Hankow is 800 miles up the Yangtze River. As will be seen from this sketch map, Kiukiang is below (eastwards of) Hankow and the other storm centres, Shashi, Ichang and Chungking are further up. River vessels can go up 1,300 miles all the year round. H.M.S. "Hawkins" went to Hankow a few months ago but the River is not navigable for that distance just now. H.M.S. "Despatch," with Vice-Admiral Tyrwhitt on board, is going to Nanking, a little above Shanghai.

OFFICER'S BRAVERY.

Rescues Foreign Girl.

Shanghai, Jan. 11.
A message from Hankow dated Jan. 10, states that the general situation on the Yangtze is unchanged.

The brave act of the second officer, N. J. Asquith, of the steamer "Tung Wo," is described by refugees arriving from Hankow yesterday.

Mr. Asquith went ashore to get a 12-year-old foreign girl from the Catholic Convent in the heart of the city. He was attacked by a mob whose leaders urged them to kill him.

Asquith fought his way through and gained entrance to the Convent by a ruse that he was a doctor and the child was sick.

He fought his way to the steamer through infuriated crowds, often fleeing with the child in his arms. Both reached the steamer uninjured.—Reuter.

"WATCHFULNESS."

British Government's Attitude.

London, Jan. 10.
Reuter learns that the British attitude to China is momentarily one of watchfulness rather than of general diplomatic action.

Moreover there is no movement in the direction of recognising the Cantonese Government.—Reuter.

MARINES FOR CHINA.

American Detachment Coming.

Washington, Jan. 10.
The Navy Department has announced that a detachment of 300 marines stationed at Guam is being immediately transported to China.—Reuter's American Service.

CLOSING OF BANKS.

Chinese Seriously Perturbed.

Rugby, Jan. 10.
Hankow is reported to have been calmer during the last two or three days.

The anti-British placards posted in the Concession have all been removed.

Mr. O'Malley from the British Legation at Peking, is expected to reach Hankow to-morrow.

The closing of the British banks and commercial premises has apparently reacted seriously to the disadvantage of the Chinese themselves, and their paramount desire at the moment is to persuade the British community to resume busi-

ness, the advantages of which are thus recognised as not exclusive to the foreigner.—British Wireless Service.

ONES ON CANTON.

Sound British Tactics.

London, Jan. 10.
The "Manchester Guardian" describes the British handling of the situation at Hankow as one of the most splendid tributes to British coolness and good sense.

The papers say that as far as the news available enables one to judge, the British tactics were absolutely right, whether taken as a move in the diplomatic game or simply with an eye to the situation at the moment.

A single shot might have precipitated a disaster which would place almost insuperable difficulties in the way of peaceful settlement.

The inestimable gain in that we have forced the Cantonese Government to declare its hand and assume the responsibilities to which it claims the right.

We have put Mr. Eugene Chen in the position of having to keep his promises or abandon the Cantonese claim to be able to govern.

If further steps for the protection of British lives are required they will doubtless be taken by the men on the spot.—Reuter.

CONSUL'S PROTEST.

Gravestones Desecrated.

Hankow, Jan. 4.
Advices from Chungking say that inasmuch as all the gravestones bearing inscriptions in Roman letters in the foreign general cemetery, which is located outside the walled city of Chungking, have been destroyed by Chinese students and soldiers of anti-Christian leanings, the German Consul there has filed a protest with the Chinese authorities.

AMERICA'S POLICY.

Mr. MacMurray Called to America.

Peking, Jan. 4.
The American Legation announced this morning that Mr. MacMurray, the American Minister at Peking, is proceeding immediately to America at the request of the Secretary of State, Mr. Kellogg, to confer on Chinese affairs.

It is explained that the situation has changed so greatly since the American Minister's arrival that

Mr. Kellogg feels that a personal conference is vitally necessary.

Mr. MacMurray will leave by rail in a few days to join the "President Cleveland" at Yokohama.

It is expected that he will be absent for three months, during which Mr. Mayer will act as Charge d'Affaires.

SOVIET ENVOY.

Karakhan for Hankow.

Peking, Jan. 4.
Reports received by the Soviet Embassy from Moscow tell that Mr. Karakhan, former Ambassador at Peking, is shortly to be dispatched by the Soviet Government to Hankow to assume the post of Ambassador to the Nationalist Government.

PRECURSORS OF TROUBLE.

Propagandist Activity.

The "Central China Post" dealing with the situation in Hankow just prior to the New Year wrote:—

Chinese reports state the first three days of the new year are, by orders of the Kuomintang, to be given up to an orgy of celebrations of the southern victories.

Monster meetings are called for at the Yeh Ma Cheng in Wuchang, at the Chiao Tung in Hanyang, and at the Chinese Race Course in Hankow. All labour unions are expected to bestir their members to attend. So far no programme of what the meetings are for outside of celebrating victories is available, but the opportunity will be doubtless utilized for the usual bout of oratory which a mob gathering usually supplies.

ANTI-BRITISH FEELING.

Meanwhile, the propagandists against Great Britain are active in the country surrounding Hankow. A shooting party which returned

NAVY NEWS.

Situated Unchanged.

Hankow, January 10.
The general situation on the Yangtze river is unchanged.—Naval Wireless.

after a Christmas holiday trip to Kakiawan and from there about 80 li east to the hills, state that anti-British feeling among the natives is roused to a dangerous pitch.

At one village where they stayed they were informed that had they been British they would have been killed, as such was the duty of every true Chinese, only Russians and Germans being the real friends of the country.

The party however were able to convince the natives that they were not British and no incident occurred to mar a successful trip.

ROYAL MARINES.

Comment by "Truth."

A gentle reproof for the inhabitants of Hankow appears in a recent issue of "Truth," which says:—

The inhabitants of Hankow appear to have a rather vague idea of the present strength of the Royal Marines. Their recent S.O.S. to the Foreign Office asking for "at least 500 Marines to protect the British concession" shows an almost pathetic degree of confidence in the resources of the British Navy. It is very doubtful whether the whole China Squadron could muster 300 Marines. In any case the Sea Regiment must regard it as a compliment to their prowess that they should have been specified to the exclusion of the seamen, for whom the Chinaman has an equal respect when they land in field service order. Probably Hankow still remembers that in the international scramble to get into Peking after the Boxer rising in 1900, British Marines were first-crawling through a drain, if I recollect aright.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The official weather forecast for all local districts until noon to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, moderate; fine.
Meteorological observation at 6 a.m. to-day:—barometer 30.13; temperature 56; humidity 62; wind N.N.E.; force 1; weather overcast.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 1/11 9/16.

CANCER CURED?

British Doctor's Promising Discoveries.

SERUM USED ON RATS.

Rugby, Jan. 10.
Discoveries which are regarded as promising have been made by Dr. Thomas Lumsden who gave up a rich West-end practice two years ago to devote himself to cancer research.

No official details are yet available, as Dr. Lumsden is anxious to avoid making any definite claim to a cure for cancer.

It is understood, however, that he has succeeded in producing a powerful serum which has not only cured cancer in rats, but has rendered them immune from any recurrence of the disease.

Dr. Lumsden's task is now to achieve the same results with human beings. He read a paper on the subject before the London Pathological Society a few days ago, and his statements made a considerable impression.—British Wireless Service.

WHICH CAR?

THE OWNER UNABLE TO TELL.

POLICE COURT INCIDENT.

Some amusement was created at the Central Magistracy this morning when Wm. Mak, of 77 Wongneichong Road, the owner of two motor cars, admitted being so drunk at West Point last night, that he did not know which of his two cars he was using.

The case before Mr. Lindsell was one of driving a private car as a public vehicle, the defendant being a Chinese chauffeur employed by the witness on trial.

A Sikh sergeant said that he saw the car standing outside a Chinese restaurant. A small boy led two Chinese to the car which drove off. Some time later the car returned and shortly afterwards the same thing occurred again.

Divisional Inspector Peter Grant informed his Worship that he had been unable to secure the attendance of the passenger, who was in the car when the accused was arrested, but would endeavour to do so before to-morrow morning.

His Worship remanded the case until to-morrow, allowing the defendant bail in \$100.

A charge against a second Chinese said to have been concerned in the incident was dismissed.

OUT OF WORK.

TWO MEN BEFORE THE COURT.

Joseph Madsen, an unemployed American, was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning with being found in the Colony without visible means of support, he stated that he was looking for a job and was prepared to take one on any ship.

Det. Sgt. Elston informed his Worship that the defendant had been before the Court upon more than one occasion during the past few months, that he was respectable when sober, but as soon as he earned any money he got "hopelessly drunk and incapable and lost his jobs."

Defendant was committed to House of Detention.
Eugene Kinkladze, 21 Georgian born in Batoum, brought before the Bench on a similar charge, was remanded in police custody for inquiries to be made.

PEAK THEFT.

MR. MONTAGUE EDE'S HOUSE ROBBED.

Mr. Montague Ede, 196, the Peak, has reported to the Police that sometime between 6 p.m. on Sunday and 7 a.m. on Monday, a small leather case was stolen from his house. The case contained a gold cigarette case and a gold match-box, valued together at \$200.

BAD COINS.

Local Tramway Co.'s Procedure.

MAGISTRATE'S COMMENT.

That the procedure adopted by the Hong Kong Tramway Company with regard to bad ten cent pieces is "most extraordinary and wicked," was the opinion of Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, when giving his decision in the case in which a conductor was charged with possessing and uttering a number of spurious coins on January 5.

The first witness called was the Chief Indian Court Interpreter, Mr. Nathan Singh, who said that he happened to be travelling on the tram car at the time that the alleged offence was committed. He stopped the car near No. 2 Police Station and handed over the defendant to Inspector Blackman.

Mr. Arthur Gillard, Chief Traffic Officer of the Tramway Company, said that he went to No. 2 Police Station and was present when the defendant's bag was searched. Witness counted 108 good 10 cent pieces and 25 good 5 cent pieces and 7 bad 10 cent pieces.

To his Worship: The defendant has been employed with us since December 13.

Getting Stuck!
Mr. Lindsell: What happens when they get stuck with bad coins?—They return them to the passengers.

His Worship: When I say stuck, I mean stuck. (Laughter).

Witness said that the shroff would not accept bad coins.

His Worship: Oh, it is the conductor's funeral?—Yes, they know that we will not accept them.

Mr. Lindsell said that he thought that it would be better if the conductors were instructed to hand in all bad coins, even though they might be called upon to pay for having accepted them, otherwise they would naturally go back into circulation.

Cross-examined by Mr. Loseby (defending) witness said that the Tramway Company was not interested as regards what the conductor did with bad coins received from passengers.

Mr. Loseby: Don't you think you should be?—The banks won't accept them.

Mr. Loseby: If you were a conductor and had some bad money, what would you do with it, throw it in the gutter?—I suppose I should keep it in my pocket.

In reply to further questions, witness said that when engaging the defendant, he had satisfied himself as to the man's reference.

Company and the Public.

Mr. Loseby submitted that under Section 8 of the Ordinance he had no case to answer. It was not an offence to have three or more coins in one's custody. Even if his Worship found that there had been definite intent, the only punishment should be that the defendant be bound over. Obviously the Company did nothing to prevent that kind of thing.

Mr. Lindsell pointed out that the 2nd charge had been incorrectly worded.

Mr. Loseby: That would not change the position.

His Worship: I don't agree with you there.

Mr. Loseby: The Company deliberately compels its conductors to carry bad coins about with them. If they attempt to hand them in, they are returned by the shroff and.....

His Worship: Is that so, Mr. Gillard?—Oh, yes. The shroff won't accept them.

Mr. Lindsell: Then that's wicked. It is the most extraordinary procedure that I have ever heard of.

Mr. Gillard said that it had always been the practice of the Company to refuse bad coins.

Mr. Lindsell: Then the sooner it is altered the better. I am not so sure that the Company's shroff should not be charged as an accessory to the felony. The defendant is discharged with a caution. I find that the Company has taken no steps whatever to suppress the practice; their system is to deliberately assist in keeping the spurious coins in circulation, and I hope that they will make more satisfactory arrangements in the future.

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IV.—The Hankow Crisis.

The recent development have brought to a head the whole question of future relations with the Treaty-Powers, their traders and their other subjects. A week ago there was panic in Hankow where the British Concession is one of our most important mercantile settlements outside the Empires. A determined attack on foreign interests was threatened by the mob, no doubt instigated by Bolshevik emissaries. The Japanese were vigorously boycotted as a beginning. All foreign merchants were summoned to pay advance taxation on the goods they were to export.

We must be prepared for full tariff autonomy in China no less than in India. British organisation of the Maritime Customs has been a magnificent benefit to China, but that people has learned to run its own postal services and aspires to control and employment in the fiscal services also; whether the results are regards honesty and efficiency prove good or bad. This question of the A. C. S. I. is a

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

The Russian Bolsheviks have been accepted as friends and allies. They are not masters of China and never will be. The power of the Kuomintang comes from the people. The Bolsheviks will be diminished. China for the Chinese means what it says. It does not, and never will, mean "China for the Russians."

VIII. The Meeting of New China and New Soviet Russia

SYN INTERNATIONAL SYM

No man can see the end of it. Chang Tso-lin, indirectly protected by Japan, may hold a larger part of northern China proper. The Nationalist advance itself may triumph up to Manchuria. Nationalism itself may break up as a result of its extension instead of consolidating the country. But we in Britain are allied to be friends with the Chinese people. We wish to be friends. The expansion of trade itself depends upon the restoration of a united pacific regime throughout the greater part of the country, even if some of the northern provinces remain under Manchurian ascendancy for some years. But Japanese greatness and independent sovereignty are a permanent model for the 400,000,000 of China. In any case we must realise that the days of a mere gambut policy are gone for ever. By conciliatory statesmanship we must accommodate ourselves to the inevitable progress, despite all checks and interruptions, of a national cause likely to prove in the long run one of the most far-reaching movements in the whole world.

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HOME PAPER'S COMMENT.

Despite the fact that shipping is in its present depressed state, Lord Inchcape was able to place before the shareholders of the P. and O. Company a report of the year's operations of the company which cannot but be regarded as satisfactory, says the "Journal of Commerce" (Liverpool). The P. and O. Company has done better things in the way of dividend-paying, but the company that has as good a record as theirs at the end (we all hope) of a long slump period is to be very sincerely congratulated. There is not the least doubt the company owes its present strong position to the fact that in years gone by it placed to reserve some substantial sums, and was able to acquire interests in allied concerns which are a very valuable asset to-day, and which are worth more than the price at which they now stand in the books. At no time during the boom period have these investments been inflated, and the company is to-day reaping the results of this wise policy. Lord Inchcape was able to tell the shareholders that the bills payable for new ships had been reduced from over 6½ millions to a little more than 2½ millions. There were, he added, no commitments for new ships at present, though naturally, the company contemplated replacing some of its old tonnage. That must inevitably be the policy of a company, such as the P. and O. In its case to stand still is to go back, and no one realises this more fully than does Lord Inchcape.

Heavier Expenses.

The chairman was able to refer to pleasing incidents connected with the beginning of the slump in shipping. At that time he said they had contracted to build some ships, and when the slump came they had to get out. The shipbuilders would have been entitled to ask for penalties in lieu of the work of building, but they forebore to press for these. Lord Inchcape significantly added that when the P. and O. Company was building again they would not forget those who helped them at that time. He was glad to see that there was peace in both the shipping and in the shipbuilding trades, and that the outlook for the future was brighter. The past year had been a trying one. They had to pay £200,000 more for their coal alone, and they were fortunate in having nine steamers which burned oil, or their bills would have been heavier. Two more ships would be converted to oil this year. Though the liners had a trying time of it, their tramp steamers had done well enough through the coal strike. Naturally enough their expenses had increased. It was a fact, he said, that supplies, maintenance and repairs cost 75 per cent. more than before the war, and he was afraid that unless the prices of commodities came down passage rates would have to go up.

The Company's Steamers.

In regard to the passenger traffic enjoyed by the company, which shows a continuous expansion, Lord Inchcape was able to convey a very grateful compliment to the commanders of the P. and O. steamers, the ships companies, and the staffs ashore. He was continually in receipt of letters from passengers who spoke very highly of their experiences on board the company's steamers. During the year their 432 steamers had run about seventeen million miles, and had carried 2½ million passengers, which is very good evidence of the high esteem in which their services were held. The chairman was able to say that if the P. and O. Company was broken up, and its ships sold at low prices, they would be able to discharge their entire obligations, pay off the preference stock, and give the deferred stockholders more than to-day's market value of their holdings. There are many heads of more than shipping companies who would be glad to be in a position to say the same to their shareholders. In passing, Lord Inchcape referred to the proposal to run a 22-knot service to India and Australia, and his caustic criticism of the prospects of such a service will not bring much joy to the promoters of the scheme. He suggested that it would be better for all concerned to put the money into the War Loan, where there would be a certainty of a return. Truly a service which would have to meet the competition of the P. and O. Line would start with a very considerable handicap.

LOOTING AT WUHU.

ANGRY TROOPS GET OUT OF
HAND.

FLIGHT OF COMMANDER.

The N.K.K. vessel "Yunyang Maru" arrived at Shanghai on Jan. 5. From the upper ports, having called at Wuhu on Monday when the local troops started looting the city. According to the ship's master, Captain Mineoka, his vessel entered the port on Monday morning when there was no sign of looting taking place, the situation being normal. However, towards night, at about 8.30 o'clock, sounds of rifle firing was all of a sudden heard from the shore, then becoming intensified as time passed. They thought the Southern forces had invaded the territory, with the result that a conflict had ensued between them and the troops stationed there. After half an hour or so, however, looting by the mutinous troops started in the streets just opposite the Company's hulk. They were men, under command of General Chen Tiao-yuen, numbering some 1,000, who had not been paid for the past six months. Prior to this, General Chen, finding it impossible to control the situation following agitation by his men over non-payment, asked for a loan of \$1,200,000 of the local merchants' body, with a suggestion that if the same was not met, it might lead to serious events in the near future, for which he would not be responsible. As the merchants refused to comply with his request, General Chen fled to Nanking, finding it difficult to soothe his agitated men without funds. When they were aware that their Commander had gone, they rushed into the busiest quarters of the city where looting took place, the post office, banks, and a large number of stores being affected, with the exception of the branch of the Bank of China, the door of which was well bolted. The soldiers did not touch any of the foreign property there. Looting continued until 2.30 o'clock on Tuesday morning, when some 1,000 troops, under General Wang Pu, also stationed in the city, began to interfere. A number of General Chen's men were arrested by General Wang's troops, but the former were immediately taken back by their fellow soldiers. As a consequence, the people are panic-stricken, fearing there might occur a conflict between the troops of both parties. The damage done to the property caused by the looting is said to be enormous.

NEW SHIP HERE.

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Named after the founder of the Deli Tobacco Company, the M.S. "Van Cremer," the first of two vessels for the Koninklijke Paketvaart Maatschappij (Royal Packet Navigation Company of Batavia) arrived in the Colony yesterday morning. This is the vessel's maiden trip to the Far East, where she will in future be employed on the run between Sumatra and Shanghai. The dimensions of the "Van Cremer" are as follows:—length 896 ft. beam 56 ft., moulded depth 26 ft., with a mean draught of 21 ft. on a full load of 8,000 tons. She has a tonnage of 2,754 net and 4,860 gross. The vessel is in every way suited to the trade in which she will be chiefly engaged, namely that of carrying indented coolies from Fukuken to the Dutch East Indies. There is, however, excellent accommodation for sixteen 1st class passengers in 2-berth cabins and 30 2nd class passengers in 8-berth cabins. The entire ship is lit by electricity, whilst fresh water is laid on to all cabins. The "Van Cremer" sails for Coast ports to-day, leaving for Singapore, Penang and Deli on January 20. The 1st Class fare to Singapore is \$125.

FRANCE'S NAVY.

Paris, Jan. 4.
The French 1927 naval building programme provides for 35 new units at a total cost of two milliard francs.

PASSENGER LIST.**ARRIVALS.**

Among the passengers who arrived at Hong Kong on the N.Y.K. "Hakusan Maru" from London, via ports, on Jan. 10 were:—
Rev. D. C. Arranz, Mr. H. V. Albrecht, Rev. F. Banda, Lt. J. Castelo Branco, Mrs. Maria C. Branco, Rev. S. P. Borbujo, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Denny, Master H. L. Denny, Mrs. Barrington Foote, Rev. F. R. Gutierrez, Rev. G. P. Garcia, Mr. T. J. Hume, Rev. P. M. Lopez, Mr. A. K. Macleod, Mrs. Jane Macleod, Rev. B. T. Nieto, Rev. F. G. Ordas, Rev. N. Puras, Mr. R. K. Peck, Miss W. J. Starkey, Mr. H. Klopman, Mr. C. A. Sundararaj, Mr. L. de Souza, Mr. G. de Souza, Miss Anderson, Mr. A. C. Burgoine, Mrs. M. G. Burgoine, Mrs. B. Harris, Mr. A. F. T. Holland, Mr. G. E. Osland Hill, Mr. W. H. Inskip, Mr. R. F. Johnson, Mr. Keshidol, Mr. Moolchand Kapur, Mr. D. McKenzie, Mr. R. Newman, Mr. Peck, Mr. W. R. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. J. Selles, Mr. T. Wallace, Mr. E. R. Gadd, Mrs. Gadd, Mr. F. Hopes, Mrs. K. E. Hopes, Mr. K. E. Hult, Mr. J. Leidersdorff, Mrs. A. J. Leidersdorff, Mrs. A. M. Moulard, Miss E. Peall, Miss F. M. Shelley, Miss H. Scott, Mrs. M. Treacher, Mr. W. O. Woodford.

DEPARTURES.

Among the passengers who sailed from Hong Kong on the N.Y.K. "Hakusan Maru" for Shanghai and Japan on Jan. 10 were:—
Mr. W. R. Parker, Mr. W. H. Inskip, Mr. G. E. Osland-Hill, Mrs. and Miss Urquhart, Mr. Wallace, Mr. A. F. T. Holland, Miss A. G. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Selles, Capt. and Mrs. A. C. Burgoine, Mrs. H. Harris, Mrs. N. Newman, Mr. H. E. Peck, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. B. Keshidol, Mr. M. Kabul, Mr. H. Rai, Mr. B. Jemchooin, Mrs. F. Treacher, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. J. Leidersdorff, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Gadd, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hopes, Mrs. A. Moulard, Miss F. M. A. Shelly, Mr. W. O. Woodford, Mr. L. B. Hult, Miss E. E. Peall, Miss O. H. Scott.

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E. V. JESSEN,
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Hong Kong Station, Jan. 6, 1926.

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MOREA	10,918	15th Feb.	Marseilles and London
DELTA	8,307	18th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KALYAN	9,154	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	8,852	2nd March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MANTUA	10,002	5th March	Marseilles and London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
NYANZA	7,923	18th March	Marseilles & London
MONGOLIA	10,504	19th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MACEONIA	11,130	2nd April	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	8,355	9th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
KARMALA	9,128	13th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DELTA	8,307	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MALWA	10,941	30th April	Marseilles and London
KHYBER	9,114	7th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
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ARAFURA	6,000	28th Jan.	
TANDA	6,956	4th March	Manila, Kolambagan, Thursday
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TALMA	10,000	27th Jan.	Moji and Kobe
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HIGH COST OF GAS.

Due to Price of Foreign Coal.

London, Dec. 14.
Addressing the National Gas Council, the President, Mr. Milne Watson, said it was impossible to reduce the price of gas till foreign coal was paid for. Gas undertakings for two months yet must live on foreign coal. He gave as an instance the Gas, Light and Coke Company buying 1,000,000 tons of foreign coal for £2,400,000, equal to 100 to 150 per cent. dearer than usual. Without foreign coal gas supplies would fail in a week.

HUBBUB IN KENYA.

Compulsory Military Service Opposed.

London, Dec. 15.
Nairobi.—Following a "lengthy" series of letters to the Press there was general public opposition to the Defence Force Bill, which includes compulsory service.

A largely attended meeting was held in Nairobi yesterday evening, which adopted by an overwhelming majority a resolution opposing the entire Bill and instructing members of the local Legislative Council to support the new Bill on a voluntary basis.

LEPROSY EXPERT'S PRIZE.

New York, Jan. 1.
Dr. Roger Adams, head of the department of chemistry of the University of Illinois, has been awarded the Nichols medal in chemistry for 1926. Dr. Adams won the award for his work in applying chaulmoogra oil in leprosy cases. He is associate editor of the Journal of the American Chemical Society.

29 LYNCHED IN U. S.

Tuskegee, Ala., Jan. 1.
Twenty-nine persons, including two women, were lynched in the United States in 1926, according to figures issued at the Tuskegee Institute, a negro educational institution here. This was thirteen more than were lynched in 1925. Most of the persons lynched were negroes.

PLOT AGAINST KING.

Paris, Dec. 31.
A Sofia dispatch to the Paris edition of the London "Daily Mail" says a widespread communist plot to seize King Boris of Bulgaria and force him to abdicate his throne has been frustrated by the police. A Communist leader named Strainoff was arrested and has committed suicide in jail.

PRESIDENT'S SON WOUNDED.

Nogales, Arizona, Dec. 27.
The "Herald" says Rodolfo E. Calles, son of President Calles of Mexico, was wounded at Cajem, Sonora and his assailant, Captain Luis Armenta of the Federal Army has been sent to prison to await trial. No details of the attack were available.

FALL'S DOCTORS' HOPE.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 31.
Albert B. Fall, former Secretary of the Interior, who is ill here with pneumonia, was attacked to-day with a violent coughing spell. Two physicians attending him think, however, that chances for his recovery are good.

FORGED FINNISH MARKS.

London, Dec. 30.
Faked bills amounting to some millions of Finnish marks recently passed through the Banks. This it is believed to be the work of an international gang operating in European countries.

FREE MOVIES.

Redbank, N. J., Jan. 4.
A thousand persons enjoyed free movies at the Carlton Theatre here on Sunday when the management found that the only way to get their patrons through a wall of 20 policemen bent on enforcing the blue laws was by eliminating the box office.

BELASCO BETTER.

New York, Jan. 3.
David Belasco, the dramatist, who has been suffering from shock since Saturday when his motor car was in collision with another car, was somewhat improved to-day. His physicians have hopes of his recovery.

ALPINE CLIMBERS KILLED.

Vienna, Jan. 3.
The peak of a small mountain in the Tyrolean Alps, probably dislodged by an earthquake, toppled over and swept ten mountain-climbing tourists to death.

ROME'S NIGHT CLUBS

DANCING AFTER MIDNIGHT PROHIBITED.

London, Jan. 3.
According to a message from Rome, the police order prohibiting all dancing after midnight means the end of all night clubs in Rome. Such places will be allowed to remain open and serve food and drinks until 2 a.m. This order follows agitation in the press after the recent fire at the Apollo Theatre causing the deaths of four girl dancers there.

SPARK CAUSES BLAST.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.
A spark from one of the electric elevators in the Crocker National Bank building here last night touched off approximately 5,000 cubic feet of gas which had escaped from a loose connection. The blast wrecked the building, rocked the financial and hotel district and injured eight persons.

FRANCE'S UNEMPLOYED.

London, Dec. 29.
The condition of the unemployed is being discussed by the French Cabinet. An important decision has been made that not one penny be granted in doles but that work be found as rapidly as possible for all requiring it. France's unemployed number 30,000, 10,000 being in Paris.

TRIBAL BATTLE.

Bulawayo, Dec. 31.
Three natives were killed, 95 were seriously wounded, and about 50 huts were burned, in a tribal battle lasting over five hours, at Wankie colliery. The rioters were ultimately dispersed by Europeans using shot guns.

AMERICAN FLOODS.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 29.
Forecasts of colder weather to-day and clear skies to-morrow, supported the hopes that relief was in sight for the flooded areas of several states, where continuous rains have brought about inundation.

B.A.T. STRIKE OVER.

Hankow, Jan. 4.
The employees' strike of the British-American Tobacco Company was settled on Dec. 31 as a result of negotiations between Mr. Soong Tse-vung and the company's representative. After signing of the agreement, all factories resumed their work.

WOMAN CLIMBS FUJIYAMA.

Tokyo, Jan. 4.
A young woman 22 years of age, graduate of a woman's university, conquered snowclad Mt. Fuji last Sunday with two mountain guides, this being the year's first attempt to reach to summit.

FRANCE'S FINANCES.

Complete reversal of the financial and economic situation faces France in 1927. The country is optimistic with the business situation and the franc improved as compared with a year ago.

WORLD THEATRE.

"THE FAST SET" TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

Faultless scenes, artistic direction and an absorbing story all act as a background for a superb cast in "The Fast Set." Clara Beranger adapted the photoplay from Frederick Lonsdale's stage hit, "Spring Cleaning."

The originality of the plot is something that deserves honorable mention. The story unfolds the manner in which a husband saves his wife from a gay life of dissipation. The husband, a famous author, surrounded by his high-brow friends, doesn't realize that his wife, young, beautiful and full of life, is bored to tears with her commonplace existence. It is when he wakes from his fool's paradise to discover that he is in danger of losing her that events begin to happen thick and fast.

There is no lack of acting talent. Betty Compson, Adolphe Menjou, Elliott Dexter and Zasu Pitts, are the four featured players.

AT THE STAR.

"THE BEAUTY PRIZE" TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

Beauty and comedy are the predominant features of Viola Dana's picture, "The Beauty Prize." The story by Nina Wilcox Putnam has for its heroine a New York manufacturer, who is mistaken for a society girl when her mother takes care of a wealthy matron's home during the summer.

She enters a beauty contest, and is chosen to represent the State at the national finals. She wins and is about to accept the cash prize, when she decides she has triumphed under false pretences, and gives the money back. In order to escape the publicity of her act, she steals away to a small town, and nearly starves. Then occurs a climax which is something out of the ordinary. Pat O'Malley appears opposite the star. Others in the cast include Edward Connelly, Eddie Phillips, Joan Standing, and Edith Yorke. Lloyd Ingraham was the director, while Winifred Dunn did the continuity, and John Arnold was the photographer.

AT THE QUEEN'S.

"GREED" TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

Gibson Gowland, Zasu Pitts, and Jean Hersholt have the principal roles in "Greed," which is an elaborate film version of Frank Norris' famous novel, "McTeague." As Frederic Taber Cooper wrote in "The Bookman" when the novel was published: "The symbol in 'Greed' is the spirit of greed represented by gold; we find it in the lottery prize which Trina wins; in the huge gilded tooth of the dentist's sign; in the Polish Jew, Zerkow, 'The Man with the Rake,' groping hourly in the muck heap of the city for gold; for gold, for gold, in the visionary gold dishes of Maria Macapa's diseased fancy, yellow blaze like fire, like a sunset; and finally in the coins on which Trina delighted to stretch her paked limbs at night, in her strange passion for money, and which finally lured both McTeague and his enemy to their death in the alkali desert." It took two years to get the story filmed and the picture has been acclaimed everywhere as the greatest triumph in realism among photoplays.

BIRKENHEAD'S HOLIDAY.

Scottish Secretary Takes Over.

London, Dec. 15.
In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Baldwin said that the Secretary of State for Scotland would be in charge of the India Office during Lord Birkenhead's absence at Madeira.

Mr. Campbell Stephen asked who was to look after Scotland's affairs if Sir John Gilmour was looking after India's affairs.
Mr. Baldwin said he hoped that in Scotland they would look after themselves in the interval. (Laughter.)

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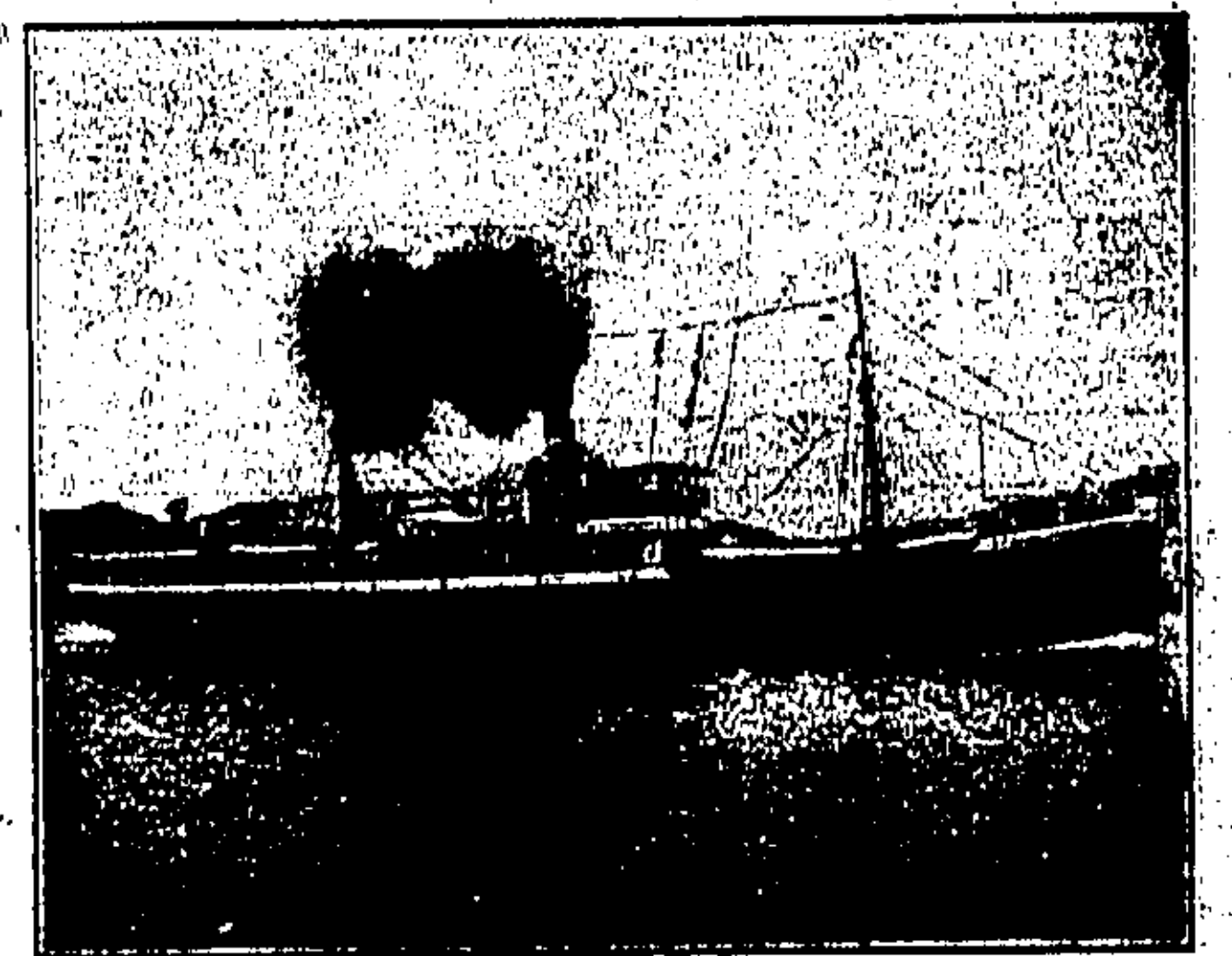
SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

SAN FRANCISCO via Shanghai, Japan Ports & Honolulu.	
TENYO MARU	Monday, 24th January, at Noon.
KOREA MARU	Sunday, 8th February.
SHINYO MARU	Tuesday, 22nd February.
* Calls Los Angeles.	
SOUTH AMERICA via Japan, Honolulu, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.	
RAKUYO MARU	Saturday, 15th Jan., at Noon.
GINYO MARU	Middle of February.
MARSEILLES, LONDON, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via Ports.	
SUWA MARU	Saturday, 15th Jan., at 11 a.m.
FUSHIMI MARU	Saturday, 26th January.
HAKOZAKI MARU	Saturday, 12th February.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	
AKI MARU	Wednesday, 10th Jan., at 11 a.m.
MISHIMA MARU	Wednesday, 23rd February.
NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.	
TATSUNO MARU	Thursday, 10th February.
LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.	
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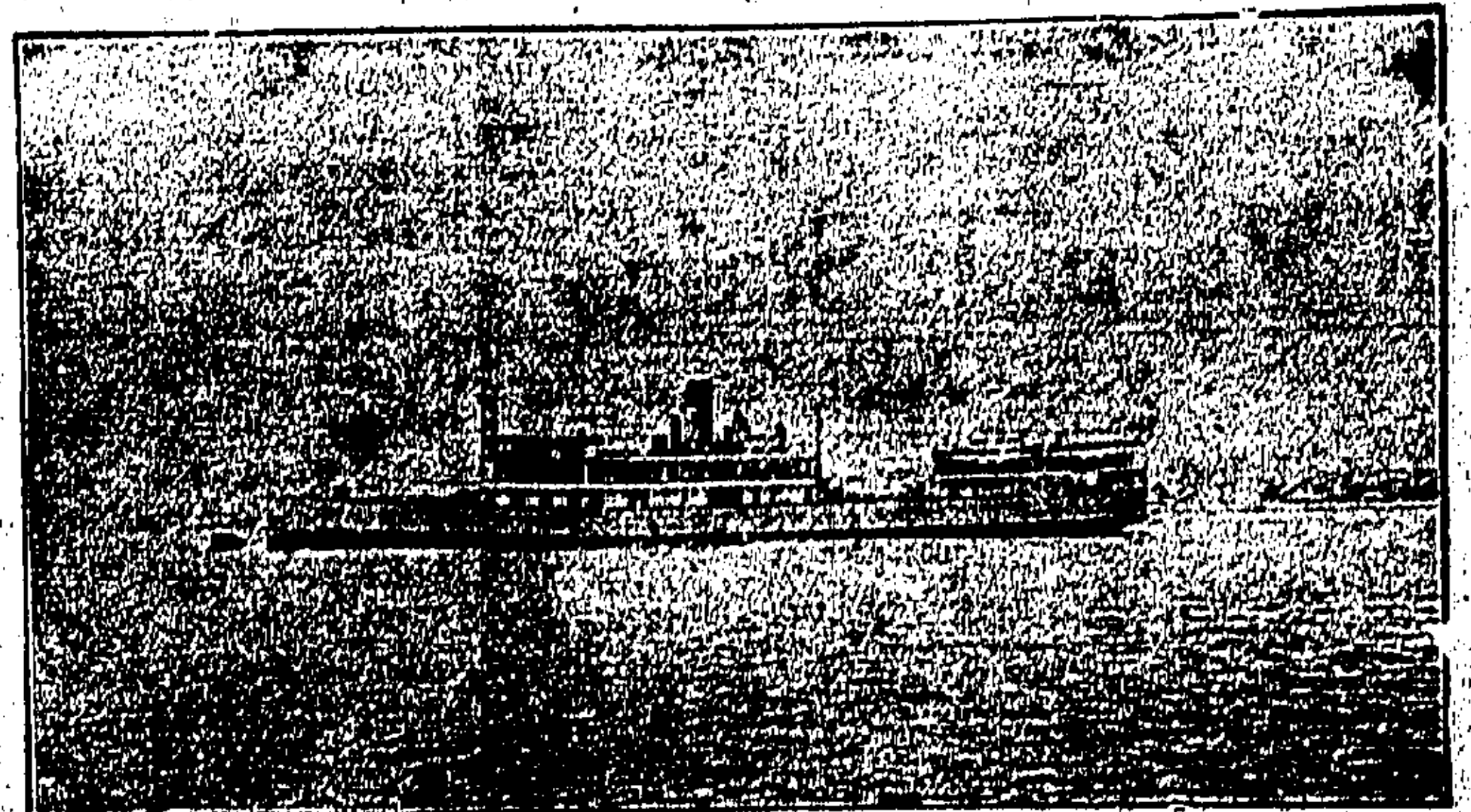
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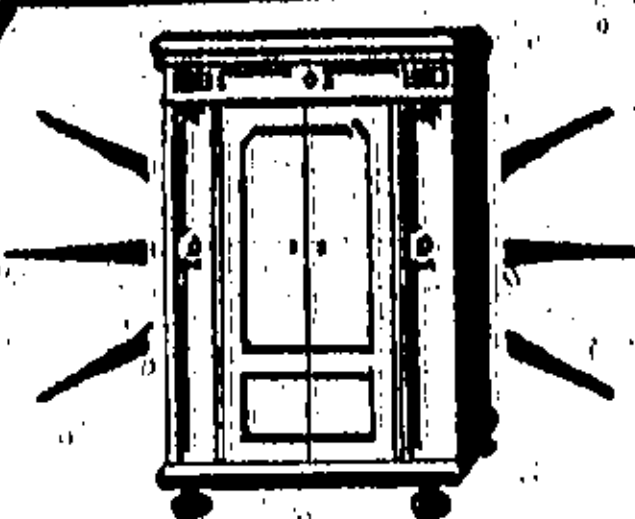
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MARRIAGE.

NASH—JACKSON.—On January 3, 1927, at H.B.M. Consulate-General, Shanghai, before E. G. Jamieson, Esq., H.B.M. Acting Consul, and afterwards at the Holy Trinity Cathedral by the Very Rev. Dean C. J. P. Symons, M.A., Harold Hamlyn Nash, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Nash, Shanghai, to Vera Brumfield Jackson, daughter of the late Mr. W. H. Jackson and Mrs. W. H. Jackson, Shanghai.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1927.

UNMASKED?

It would seem at first sight that Mr. Eugene Chen has given himself away. Invited by the London "Daily News" to explain the attitude of the Cantonese Government toward the foreign population of Hankow, Mr. Chen states that "now that the Concession ceases to be a piece of unredeemed China, my Government regards the effective protection of Britons and other foreigners in Hankow as of vital interest to Nationalist China."

Two things can be read into that. First, so far as the "effective protection" of foreigners is concerned, it does not weigh one ounce with the Nationalist Government so long as they are residing in a part of "unredeemed China." There may be murder, assault, robbery, insult—if a foreigner in a Concession is affected the Nationalist Government will heed not and care not. Hooligan mobs may invade a foreign Concession, decimate the foreigners, seize their property, and general

ly run amok—what careth the Nationalist Government? Not a scrap! It is no concern of its. If foreigners, supposed to be protected by the sacred rights of Treaties, choose to live and trade in a piece of "unredeemed China" they do so at their own risk. They are merely asking for trouble from uncontrollable hordes of coolies. Prevention of outrages is no business of the Nationalist Government. That, in effect, is what can be read into Mr. Eugene Chen's "explanation" of the attitude of the Cantonese Government toward "foreigners" in Hankow and other Concessions. Should that be a misconception then he has his own phraseology to blame for it.

Furthermore, as the "Daily News" points out, to hand over to a howling mob the task of expropriating the Concession was an act of barbarism. Mr. Chen's placid acceptance of it as an accomplished fact and as a just tribute to a high moral purpose of Nationalist policy has in it a certain air of impudence not unworthy of Mussolini and his methods. The real significance of the message rests in the implied intention to recover as soon as it can—in whatever manner presents itself—control of all foreign Concessions in China. This, of course, is unthinkable—at least if the same methods as at Hankow are to be followed. Take Shanghai, for instance. Are Mr. Borodin and Mr. Sun Fo going to make inflammatory anti-British speeches inciting the Chinese in Shanghai to mob rule? Is it intended that howling hooligans should invade the British Settlement in Shanghai, menace the lives of British subjects, and wantonly assault and insult British Marines and Volunteers? And, if so, does Mr. Eugene Chen intend to take the expropriation of Shanghai as an accomplished fact and talk large of the duty subsequently of giving "effective protection" to foreigners?

Such is the logical inference of his "explanation" in regard to the position in Hankow. Again, Mr. Eugene Chen may say that the inference is wrong; but he will find on all sides entire disagreement with any other inference. He must stand or fall by the plain English of his own utterances as cable to London. And these utterances spell connivance with the howling mob and exaltation at their act of barbarism in ejecting the British from the Concession in Hankow, thus saving the Nationalist Government recourse to the ordinary civilized mode of procedure by negotiation and agreement.

Red Propaganda.

The lie direct is given to Mr. Lloyd George and a certain section of the Home Press which refuses to believe that the anti-foreign outbreak in China is the work of Moscow and not simply an ebullition of Chinese "Nationalism." One of the illustrated posters exhibited in Hankow—in the British Concession—displays the Soviet flag, with the hammer and sickle prominent; also pictures of Marx, Sun Yat-sen, and Lenin; and, finally, a representation of Russia holding out the hand of friendship to Young China. In contrast with this is the picture of a bloated John Bull standing on the necks of two prostrate Chinese. The next illustration shows the same Chinese waking up and half upsetting John Bull; whilst the final picture shows the same Chinese on top of John Bull and bayoneting him through the heart. There is, of course, "suitable" letterpress in Chinese. A clearer case of Bolshevik-inspired propaganda against the British could scarcely be conceived. It is a deliberate insult to Great Britain. It is a wilful attempt to fan the flames of feeling in China against the British. Is it not time that Moscow was asked by the British Foreign Office to explain matters and forced to cease for all time its pernicious propaganda outside Russian borders?

Hong Kong Guilds.

Everyone recognises that the Chinese workers must be permitted facilities, along with the workers of other countries, in bettering his lot. But is the guild system, as conducted in the past the best means by which the worker can obtain representation in industrial matters? And is the guild really run for the benefit of the worker or for the benefit of those in whose hands is the executive control? It is generally known that there were large defalcations on the part of certain Guild officials in Hong Kong in July of 1925 when the strike broke out, and attention has again been focussed on the question by the allegations of a solicitor in the local courts this week as to the conduct of Guild officials whom he alleges fled to Canton with the workers' funds. The events of the past year have brought home to the workers the true nature of the motives which actuated many of the officials who were supposed to be working in the interests of the workers they represented, and it has become apparent that guild officials and agitators have been at the bottom of much of the trouble with which Hong Kong has been faced from time to time, their activities being concerned more with politics than with looking after the trade interests of the members. A tour of the city will show that quite 50 per cent. of the guilds are no longer able to keep up headquarters and many of those still having offices are in very low water financially. It may be that, in common with the workers in other places who have had brought home to them the emptiness and foolishness of promises held out to them by professional agitators, the members of the guilds will never again be willing agents in any such happenings as those which have brought only misery to themselves. It is to be hoped that the Government realises that something is needed to replace conditions under which artisans and labourers are ruthlessly exploited by professional agitators. Why not a Labour Protection Union for Hong Kong?

OBITUARY.

MR. VAN GENNEP LUHRS.

The death is announced of Mr. Van Gennep Luhrs, proprietor of the Holland-Pacific Trading Co., who passed away at his residence in Macao on Friday.

The late Mr. Luhrs, who was 36 years of age, first came to Hong Kong in 1914, when he joined the Netherlands Trading Society. Later he went into business with Mr. Heyblein after which he started on his own account as the Holland-Pacific Trading Company, Ltd. This business was liquidated in 1923 and was then re-established at Macao where it has since been carried on.

The many friends of the late Mr. Luhrs will regret his death and sympathise with the widow and two children in their bereavement.

Following the discovery of the so-called "Peking man," anthropologists, in Peking assert that it has been definitely proved that man existed 1,000,000 years ago.

STOLEN BANGLES.

A "MARVEL" & FOOL IN COURT.

TWO YEAR'S OLD THEFT.

The case in which a well-dressed Chinese was charged with the theft of a pair of gold bangles by means of a trick was concluded before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, his Worship finding the defendant "guilty" and sentencing him to six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

Defendant surrendered to his bail of \$1,000.

Mr. F. H. Loseby watched the proceedings on behalf of the complainant, but did not examine the witnesses, Det.-Sgt. Rozeskey prosecuting on behalf of the Police.

Complainant, a married woman, said that the defendant had hired a back room in her house in anticipation of the arrival of his wife from Macao. They were on friendly terms for several weeks until one day he asked witness to lend him her two gold bangles in order to have them copied. Witness agreed to do so, but it was understood that they would be returned the following day. Defendant then disappeared and was not seen for nine months.

When witness' husband met him in Wanchai, in the meantime, however, a pawn ticket had been found in respect of the two bangles which had since been redeemed by witness.

Again Disappears.

Defendant had taken witness' husband to a house where he promised to obtain money to compensate her for the cost of redeeming the bangles, but had disappeared through another entrance and had not been seen until last Tuesday afternoon when witness and her husband met him in the street. An altercation followed and all three went to Wanchai Police Station.

In reply to his Worship, the defendant said that the woman's story was entirely untrue.

Ho Yau, a coolie employed by complainant, said that he had seen the defendant several times during the period that he was alleged to have disappeared.

Mr. Lindell said that he did not think the witness knew anything about the case except what he had been told to say by his mistress, which had "apparently become all muddled up."

(laughter.)

Complainant's husband corroborated her story, adding that he found the pawn ticket under an abacus on his desk.

The pawn-broker's accountant identified the pawn ticket.

A Marvel and A Fool!

In reply to his Worship, witness said although it was nearly two years ago, he remembered that the man who pawned the goods wore a coat similar to that which the accused was wearing in Court.

Mr. Lindell: You remember that? You're a marvel!

His Worship asked the defendant if he had anything to say.

Defendant: It is all wrong.

His Worship: What's the use of saying that, you silly fool?

The defendant said that he had never pawned the goods.

Mr. Lindell: No one ever said you did. It is somewhat extraordinary that the person who did, however, should have given your name.

A Grudge.

Continuing, the defendant said that it was a case of a grudge. The complainant's husband frequently visited his, the defendant's, house at Macao where he made remarks about his wife. Every time he had seen the man since that occasion he had reminded him of his conduct at Macao.

His Worship convicted the man, sentencing him as stated above.

LOCAL C.M.S. WEEK.

In connection with the annual Church Missionary Association week, organised by St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, a successful sale of work was held yesterday when something like \$300 was raised. The sale was opened by the Hon. Mr. H. T. Greasy (Director of Public Works). In connection with the same work a service for young people is to be held this evening at six o'clock, followed by a service for adults at the Vicarage at 8.30 p.m. To-morrow the annual devotional service will be held at St. Andrew's when the speaker will be the Rev. A. D. Stewart. On Thursday at 6 p.m. there will be a lantern lecture on India; and the week will be brought to a conclusion on Friday with a musical evening in the Chater Room of the Church Hall.

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OPTICAL GOODS.

"RECEIVING" CHARGE FAILS.

NO GUILTY KNOWLEDGE.

The case in which two Chinese were charged with "receiving" a quantity of optometrical instruments alleged to have been stolen by a shareholder in the National Optical Company, Ltd., Queen's Road Central, was again before Mr. W. S. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon. Mr. Duncan McCallum defending the two accused.

It will be recalled that a third man, who, it was alleged, removed the goods from the optical establishment, was "originally charged with larceny, but failed to put in an appearance at the last hearing, forfeiting his bail of \$500.

At the resumed hearing yesterday afternoon, the 2nd defendant, who described himself as a boarding-house runner, was examined at some length by Mr. McCallum.

Witness said that, acting on instructions from the 1st defendant, he took a quantity of optical goods to No. 54, Connaught Road Central. Witness could not say to whom they belonged. He had not seen the first defendant since his arrest and did not know whether he had left the Colony or not.

Cross-examined, witness said that he did not know why the goods were taken to the roof of the boarding-house.

The 3rd defendant gave similar evidence. Witness admitted taking the goods on to the roof, but did so upon the instructions of the 1st defendant. Witness had no knowledge at the time that the goods had been unlawfully removed from the premises of the National Optical Company and did not know that anything was wrong.

In reply to a question from his Worship, witness said that it was quite a common practice to store things on the roof of the house, camp beds and other things often being left there from time to time.

The Magistrate said that he was satisfied that the two defendants had acted under the orders of the 1st defendant who, unfortunately, had absconded. There was no evidence to show that the two men in Court had guilty knowledge of what had taken place earlier in the evening, and they would therefore be discharged.

DEGREE DAY.

CONGREGATION AT THE UNIVERSITY.

DR. S. W. PHOON'S HONOUR.

Among the recipients of distinctions at the University Degree Congregation this afternoon is Dr. Phoon Seck-weng, of the medical staff of the Alice Memorial Hospital, an old University graduate. An M.D. degree, for which Dr. Phoon has qualified, has only been conferred by the Hong Kong University once previously—to Dr. G. H. Thomas of the Tung Wah Hospital.

While at the University, Dr. Phoon won many highly prized scholarships, including the King Edward VII scholarship, the Beilios scholarship, the University prize, the Chan Kai Ming scholarship and the first Jordan scholarship. In 1921, when he graduated, he had conferred on him the M.B. degree.

Since leaving the University, Dr. Phoon has worked at the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals, specialising in tropical medicine.

Dr. Phoon will be heartily congratulated on the well merited distinction to be conferred on him, not only by friends in Hong Kong but also many in Singapore. He comes of a highly respected family of Chinese in the Straits, his father being a well-known landed proprietor who has now retired from business.

Dr. Phoon's brothers were all graduates of the Hong Kong University and hold the unique record for three brothers of having secured the King Edward scholarship in three successive years.

TSINGTAO MURDER.

CIGARETTE CO. EMPLOYEE KILLED.

Tsingtao, Jan. 4.

An engineer named Semanoff of the British Cigarette Co., Tsingtao, was murdered on December 29 when returning from work. Two assassins have now been arrested who admit firing the seven fatal pistol shots. Both are named Wong. The murdered man was recently promoted over one of them at the factory.

MR. CHEN'S CABLE.**Nationalists Retaining Concession.****NOW "REDEEMED CHINA."**

London, Jan. 10. In response to the "Daily News" invitation to explain the attitude of the Cantonese Government towards the foreign population at Hankow, Mr. Eugene Chen has cabled:

"The extension of Nationalist control to the British concession at Hankow is in itself the amplest guarantee that the lives and property of British and other nationals in the concession shall and must be protected by my Government."

"Whilst the Concession remained under purely British control it was not the duty of my Government to attend to the protection of foreigners there, but now the Concession ceases to be a piece of unredeemed China my Government regards the effective protection of Englishmen and other foreigners in Hankow as the vital interest of Nationalist China."

"Cynical."

The "Daily News" says the Foreign Minister's message is "not only clever but significant of the situation."

ICHANG POSITION.**Women and Children Leave.**

Ichang, Jan. 9. All British women and children have been evacuated from Ichang. The situation is quiet.—Naval Wireless.

situation, that may be unpleasant but has to be faced, with reference to "unredeemed China," clearly an appeal to the sympathy of all the Nationalists and irreconcilables of the world. The tender describes the message as a somewhat cynical document, and recalls that the Cantonese Government previously merely shilly-shallyed regarding the responsibility to protect the foreigner from Cantonese excesses.

The paper condemns Mr. Chen for handing over the task of expropriating the Concession to a howling mob. This act was merely one of barbarism, and Chen's placid acceptance of the accomplished fact as a just tribute to the high moral purpose of the Nationalist policy has a certain air of impudence not unworthy of Mussolini methods. The real significance of the message rests in the implied intention to recover, as soon as it can in whatever manner presents itself—the control of all the foreign concessions in China.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI DEFENCE.**Municipal Council's State.**

Shanghai, Jan. 10. In view of the anxiety of foreigners in Shanghai as to whether, in the event of an attack on the International Settlement, it would be defended, the Municipal Council of the International Settlement to-

RIVER GUNBOATS.**Two More Coming To China.**

London, Jan. 10. It has been decided to send to China the river gunboats "Aphid" and "Ladybird," which have hitherto been maintained at Malta.

The gunboats, which were formerly with the British fleet on the Danube, are similar to the "insect" class, which were prominent in recent events on the Yangtze.—Reuter.

night issued the following reassuring statement:

"In view of the recent occurrences in other ports, the Council deems it expedient to make the following public statement for the information of all concerned."

Firstly, the Council is not concerned with, and takes no official interest in, party politics; secondly, for this reason the Council has prohibited political meetings, demonstrations, speeches, or political propaganda of any description within the Settlement or upon the Municipal roads.

Co-Operation With Chinese.

Thirdly, in the interests of peace and order, the Council will continue to co-operate as heretofore with whatever Chinese ad-

ministration controls the territory adjoining the boundaries of its own jurisdiction.

Fourthly, the Council will direct all its energies and resources towards maintaining order, and ensuring the safety of life and property within the area under its control, and to this end has endeavoured to make all necessary protective arrangements.

Fifthly, the Council will rigorously suppress all forms of violence or disorder, and to accomplish this purpose will not hesitate to use all the means at its disposal.

Sixthly, finally the Council warns all persons against the activities of professional agitators who are taking advantage of the disturbed conditions in the country, and preaching doctrines of force and class hatred at a time when toleration and moderation are more than ever necessary.—Reuter.

POSITION AT HANKOW.**To-day's Earlier Messages.**

Rugby, Jan. 10. No appreciable change in the situation in the Yangtze Valley has been reported.

At Hankow, where all was quiet yesterday, parties of English residents who, on the injunction of the British authorities, are being quartered in the Asiatic Petroleum Company's building on the waterfront, strolled through the Concession-unmolested.

British business men are disinclined in the present conditions to resume trade relations, as requested by Mr. Chen, the Cantonese Government's Foreign Minister. They prefer not to open their premises until a very clear understanding of the present and future position, and the fullest safeguards, have been received.

The "Morning Post" says, their decision, has reacted to the detriment of the Chinese themselves, and adds: "The suspension of all business in the Concessions, has thrown out of gear the whole business organisation of the Chinese traders and merchants. Banks and business houses being shut, credit operations and bill discounting are at a standstill. Hence the desire of the Chinese authorities to persuade the Concession to open up immediately."

The "Times" says the British Government desire to use reason, not force, in dealing with the Nationalists. The inflammability of the illiterate working population has already been demonstrated. Chinese Nationalism is a product of education, and this organisation of the masses who know nothing of political issues causes foreigners to suspect that the interests of Nationalism are being subordinated to those of Communists.

The "Times" adds, "The Cantonese Government are on trial, and the verdict will depend on their ability to maintain order in Hankow, and upon manifestation of an intention to respect the rights of others as they would have others respect theirs."—British Wireless Service.

FOREIGNERS LEAVE.**Situation in Interior.**

Peking, Jan. 10. The situation in the interior of South-Western China is steadily worsening.

In addition to the British, many Americans are leaving the interior towns. All the American women and children are evacuating Ichang.

Anti-foreign disturbances occurred at Chungking last week, when Cantonese soldiers and mobs desecrated the foreign cemetery, smashing and overturning tombstones.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S FEARS.**Papers Suggest Powers Co-Operate.**

Tokyo, Jan. 10. "John Bull will not allow himself to be bullied," is the verdict of the "Asahi," which warns the Chinese not to imagine the capture of the Concession at Hankow means Britain's subjection.

Both the "Asahi" and "Nichi Nichi" reflect what appears to be growing apprehension that Japan's turn may come next.

The "Asahi" advocates that the Powers co-operate, as this will be the best mutual safeguard, though it does not intimate what form this co-operation should take.—Reuter.

PROPAGANDA.**Some Typical Examples.**

Shanghai, Jan. 9. A striking example of the type of "Red" propaganda in Hankow which helps one to understand how Chinese mob anger is created, is shown here by one of the refugees from Hankow.

It is one of the illustrated posters containing a series of pictures

HEALING A BREACH.**CHURCH AND STATE IN ITALY.****RELIGION IN THE ARMY.**

Rome, Dec. 30.

The Pope is much pleased with Mussolini's measures giving regular religious assistance to the fighting forces.

Henceforth every army division will have a head chaplain with sub-chaplains under him. These will work and officiate in military hospitals and infirmaries, cadets' colleges, soldiers' clubs, recreation centres, and military penitentiaries. The naval aviation bases will also be supplied with chaplains.

Signor Mussolini appointed Monsignore Pannizardi, who fought in the World War, as Chief Chaplain with the rank of Lieutenant-General.

A special house in Rome will provide the nucleus of chaplains for future fighting forces. This is a most important move though possibly unofficial, to complete a reconciliation between Church and State.

'QUAKES IN JAVA.**EUROPEAN HOMES GREATLY DAMAGED.**

London, Dec. 14.

Batavia.—There have been 19 earthquake shocks in the neighbourhood of north-west Java, but there has been only one case in which there was serious injury.

Several European houses at Au Procepel are considerably damaged and a number of native dwellings have been destroyed.

A Government official was telephoning with the neighbouring Administrator when the telephone connection was cut off, but he managed to hear the Administrator explain that the house from which he was speaking was on the point of collapsing as the result of a violent shock.

JOBS FOR ALL IN 1927.

Washington, Jan. 1.

If the predictions of two of the nation's economic advisers are to be taken seriously those wanting work in 1927 can find it.

Mr. Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, said that the United States as a whole enters the New Year "with a job in prospect for most everybody, with the nation better fed, better housed and better clothed than any other nation."

Mr. Francis Jones, Director of the Federal Employment Service, said the New Year should equal, if not surpass, 1926 in the volume of employment.

BARGAIN WITH BANDITS.

Mexico City, Jan. 2.

The two kidnapped Americans, J. W. Wiley and E. B. Connors, were released to-day on payment to the kidnappers of P700. They have both arrived safely at Francisco Del Oro, Chihuahua. The kidnappers originally demanded P10,000. The Americans are both mining men. Federal troops were dispatched for the bandits on order of President Calles, but apparently the ransom money reached them before the soldiers.

BRITISH SHIP ADRIFF.

New York City, Dec. 30.

The British steamship "Cleat-ton" with forty men aboard, is drifting helplessly and rudderless five hundred miles east of Baltimore.

The vessel was bound for Ireland. Several steamers are rushing to the aid of the vessel, as a storm is predicted for to-night.

FORMER SENATOR'S DEATH.

Wilmington, Del Dec. 31.

Former Senator Henry A. Du Pont of Delaware, died here of a heart attack to-day. He was a cousin of the present senator from Delaware, Coleman Du Pont.

which have been posted on the British Consulate and the Municipal Buildings in the British Concession at Hankow. The first picture is the Soviet flag, with the hammer and sickle prominently displayed. Then come pictures of Marx, Sun Yat-sen and Lenin. Next is a representation of Russia extending the hand of friendship to Young China.

In contrast with this is the picture of a bloated John Bull standing on the necks of two prostrate Chinese. The next illustration shows the same Chinese walking up and half upsetting John Bull, while the final picture shows the same Chinese on top of John Bull, and bayonetting him through the heart. There is, of course, suitable letterpress in Chinese.—Reuter.

EMPIRE RESEARCH.**ROYAL COLONIAL INSTITUTE ENTERPRISE.****PUBLICATION OF MONOGRAPHS.**

The Council of the Royal Colonial Institute have resolved to set a small sum annually from the funds of the Institute to facilitate the publication of original monographs embodying the results of research relating to the British Empire overseas. Grants will be made from this fund from time to time upon the recommendation of a small committee. The conditions governing the award of grants will be as follows:—

1. Save in exceptional cases, candidates must not be more than 30 years of age on December 31 of the year of application.

2. The monographs submitted for aid in publication must embody the results of research conducted by the candidate into some matter of importance relating to the British Empire overseas or some associated subject.

3. The research may be concerned with any appropriate subject whether in political, natural or economic science, or in the field of literature.

4. No rigid limits of length are imposed, but in general it is expected that, with a view to their publication as octavo volumes, the monographs shall contain not more than, say, 200 to 250 pages, i.e., 40,000 to 60,000 words.

5. No limitation of subject or method of treatment is prescribed. In general, however, it may be suggested that those monographs are most likely to secure grants in aid which, by the importance of their subject and their literary presentation, will make an appeal to the general reader.

6. The next allocation of grants will be made about the end of January, 1928. The work submitted, together with particulars of the candidate's career, should be addressed to the Secretary of the Royal Colonial Institute, Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C.2, and should reach the Institute before October 31, 1927. Work that does not receive a grant during the year of application may also, at the discretion of the Committee, be considered during the following year, if still unpublished.

7. The successful work will be published in a uniform style in a series to be known as "The Imperial Studies Series," under the general editorship of a person or persons appointed by the Council. The copyright of the works so published shall remain the property of the authors, but the consent of the Council shall be required for any republication of the works.

ISAKO'S CIRCUS.**SPECIAL ITEMS FOR CLOSING DAYS.**

For the last nine days of Isako's Circus at Kowloon, the proprietor, who is about to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his entry into circus life, offers patrons a bill of fare which promises still further to enhance a programme which, old and young alike have found most attractive during the few weeks that the circus has been here. A number of tricks of mysticism and conjuring will be performed in addition to the regular programme. Seats may be booked at Anderson's.

GOOD FUN.**"HAWKINS" CONCERT PARTY'S SUCCESS.****THEATRE ROYAL SHOW.**

There can be very few people who were at the Theatre Royal last night who did not leave thoroughly happy and satisfied, for the consensus of opinion in the vestibule was that the show was one of the best amateur efforts staged in the Colony for many years.

Assisted by the band of H.M.S. "Hawkins," a company of eleven artists got the ball rolling at top speed, item succeeding item in rapid succession, thanks in large measure to the able stage-management of Lt. Commander P. J. Mack, R.N.

The items, for the most part, were in a humorous strain, but several well-known ballads were introduced now and again, a policy which met with general approval on the part of the audience. This particularly refers to "West of the Great Divide," admirably rendered by J. H. Sherrod, in the first half, and "When clouds have vanished," sung with much effect by J. Griffiths in the latter half.

The concerted number were exceptionally good, particularly "Oh Charlie take it away," in which W. A. Little and a strong supporting chorus scored heavily.

Two "funny" "stunt" turns—both, it is understood, the creation of Commander Mack—sent the audience into hysterics during the first part of the programme, but to divulge their "plots" would not be wise. They must be seen without knowledge of the plot to be more fully appreciated.

The second half was opened by the band of the "Hawkins" who presented an orchestral number of a type known to the London variety stage i.e. a concert by the inmates of a lunatic asylum. There were some really clever acrobatic feats by Musician Barnes (H.M.S. "Hermes") whose services were secured for the occasion.

C. J. Coney was the only "lady" in the show, but he is evidently well versed in this type of part. Partnered with W. A. C. C. he was, perhaps, happier than in his other items. This, number, as a matter of fact, was one of the best on the programme.

The programme closed with a concerted number "The Three Huntsmen."

The orchestra, under Mr. G. W. Hooper, R.N.E., accompanied the entire programme with excellent precision.

EX-SERVICE M.P.'S DEATH

Rugby, January 10.—Mr. Douglas Pielou, Conservative Member of Parliament for Stourbridge, died yesterday. He was severely wounded in the war, and in Parliament displayed a deep interest in the welfare of ex-Servicemen.—British Wireless Service.

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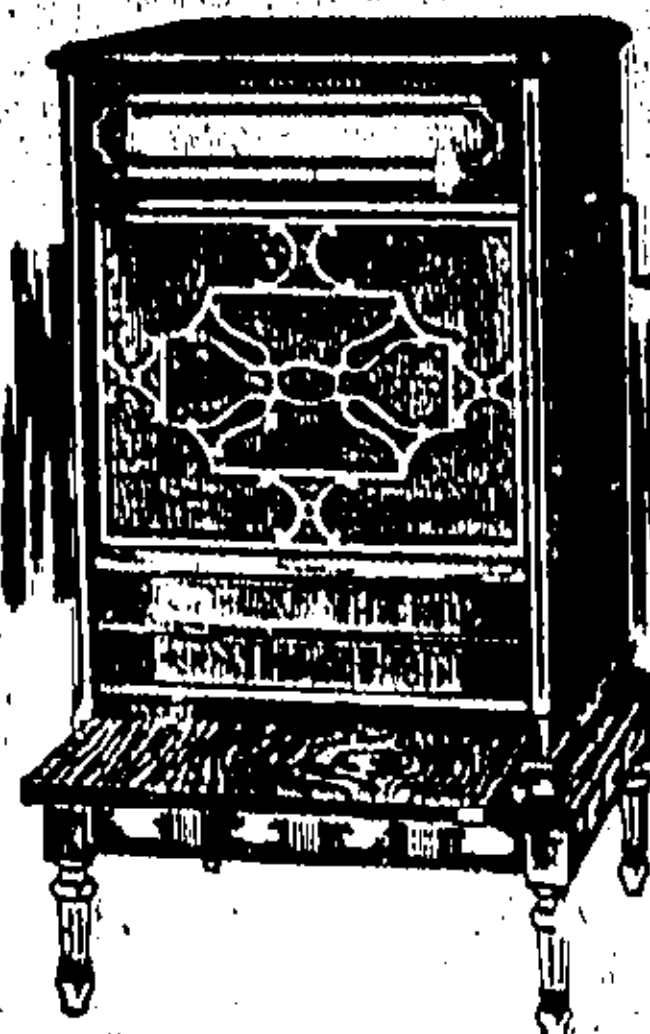
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

A London message of Dec. 29 states that Indarini, the biggest and best-loved elephant in the London Zoo, has died of blood-poisoning.

Excellent calendars advertising Allsopp's British Pilsener Beer, Simonds' Pale Ale and Simonds' Milk Stout have been received by the "China Mail" from the local agents for these famous products, Messrs. Caldbeck Macgregor and Co., Ltd.

The Hong Kong Philharmonic Society will begin rehearsals of "H.M.S. Pinafore" on Monday next. In the chorus are a few vacancies for all voices. Those wishing to take part should attend St. John's Cathedral Hall at 5.30 p.m. on Mondays and 8.45 p.m. on Thursdays.

Out of nearly 5,000 employees of Shanghai general goods shops, only 500 are still out, the rest having accepted the scale of increases offered by their employers. About two hundred of the strikers have been paid off by the shopkeepers who found they could manage without them.

The superintendent of the lunatic asylum at Clermont-sur-Oise has been informed officially that one of his patients, a widow named Dedler, aged 49, is the winner of the prize of 1,000,000 francs as the result of the last Credit National bond-drawing. He communicated the news to her, but it had no effect, as she believes herself to be immensely rich and engaged to marry a prince of the Bourbon family.

Shroffs had called repeatedly, and to no avail. The youthful Shanghaier was an adept at the gentle art of postponement and the creditor firm were beginning to get "fed up." Consequently they sent round a foreigner. A long discussion ensued, at the conclusion of which the would-be collector said, wearily: "Very well then, I am to tell the firm you will probably pay up at the end of the month." The delinquent puckered his brow thoughtfully. Then: "Oh I say, I should hardly go as far as that if I were you. Not probably, say possibly."

The Italian Opera Company, which is doing good business in Manila, is coming to Hong Kong shortly.

Taipei Bridge, in the New Territories, will be open to traffic each day from eight o'clock in the morning to one o'clock at night.



Chief Ye. w. Kidney, of the Glacier National Park, with his magic weasel tail wand is a prominent participant in all the Blackfoot tribal gatherings.

CONTROL OF THE WEATHER.

The possibility of controlling weather conditions, at least partly, was announced as a future possibility by Prof. Ellsworth Huntington of Yale University, Hartford, Conn., U.S.A., in a recent article. He pointed out that over 100,000 people perish each year in the United States alone because of fluctuating weather conditions. There is no doubt, he says, that eventually the secret that will give mastery of the weather will be learned.

A musicale will be held at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, 20th January, at 5.30 p.m. Tickets including tea 50 cents each, must be booked at the Secretary's office before noon on the 19th inst.—Adv.

During a fog in Paris which is described as being equal to London's worst fogs, the electric light failed, and people stood grouped in the utter darkness. The Bourse was disorganised, and closed in chaos. Banks locked up the cash in drawers. A number of robberies were reported.

A poignant tragedy occurred at Chelmsford, Essex. Mrs. Chapman and her son cycled into the town to buy a wreath for the grave of her daughter, who was to be buried the same day. When the mother was returning home a motor car knocked her down and killed her before the eyes of her son, who was behind, carrying the wreath.

Lucknow's new railway station, which is said to be the best in India, was opened by His Excellency Sir William Marris on December 13. The scheme cost Rs. 73 lakhs. A feature of the new station is the comfortable accommodation for third-class passengers, who have been provided with a large waiting hall for use in the monsoon. During the ceremony it was stated similar stations would be erected at Alahabad and Cawnpore.

Characterizing the statements made in a letter as an extremely wicked libel in every way, and declaring that from the evidence before him the plaintiff was a perfectly honest man and Mrs. Spencer a perfectly honest woman, Judge Peter Grain rendered judgment in favour of the plaintiff, L.M.J. Dohse, against the defendant W. H. Spencer, in H.M. Supreme Court, Shanghai and awarded the plaintiff the full amount of the damages claimed, namely \$1,000. The defendant was also ordered not to repeat the libel and an injunction was made restraining him from taking the allegations made in the libel to any other Court.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

London, Dec. 31.—Miss Betty Balfour, the English film star, is reported to be virtually out of danger, after a serious illness of pneumonia in Paris.

Mr. G. U. Farrant, who was for many years head of Fraser and Co., Singapore, and who married the eldest daughter of Sir John Anderson, the former Governor, has taken up farming in Somerset, having bought Milligan Hall, Bishop's Hull, near Taunton.

For about six years tutor to the ex-emperor of China, Mr. R. F. Johnston, C.B.E., arrived in the Colony during the week-end on board the N.Y.K. s.s. "Hakusan Maru". He has been in London in connection with the Boxer Indemnity question and is bound for Tientsin.

Queen Mary had a stand-up "snack" lunch the other day, for the first time, when visiting one of the many philanthropic institutions in which she takes such a keen interest (says the "Sunday Chronicle"). Her Majesty very much enjoyed the meal, which consisted of bread and cheese and tea.

There is no more fascinating study than the study of coincidence. Why, for example, should Mr. Harold Spender have chosen as the title of his reminiscences "The Fire of Life" (just published by Hodder and Stoughton at 15s.), using as superscription these words from Walter Savage Landor:—"I warmed both hands before the fire of life, it sinks and I am ready to depart."

Within a short time after finishing his book he was dead. The "Methodist Times" asks: Could he have had an inkling of departure time?

A Singapore paper says that among those who expect to go on holiday early this year are the following:—The Hon. the Chief Secretary and Mrs. Peel, the Hon. Mr. Ritchie, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Rich, Mr. Grant, Mackie, the Hon. Mr. Choo Kien-peng and Mrs. Choo Kien-peng, Mrs. R. W. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Stamford Raffles, Mrs. J. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Daly, Mrs. Keer, Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Mackie, Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Ross, Mr. H. R. Joynt, Mr. and Mrs. Joachim, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hastings, the Rev. and Mrs. B. C. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mathews, Mrs. Sydney Morgan, and Mr. C. S. Alexander.

Mr. Henry Arthur Jones, the playwright, who underwent a serious operation, is steadily improving in health.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Dennys and Master Dennys returned to the Colony yesterday by the N.Y.K. "Hakusan Maru" from London. Mr. Dennys is a solicitor, partner in the firm of Messrs. Hastings, Dennys & Bowley.

The King is considering the promotion of the Prince of Wales to the ranks of Rear-Admiral in the Navy and Major-General in the Army, and there is a possibility that this will be done shortly. His Royal



LORD READING

London, Dec. 30.—In consequence of the resignation of Viscount Allenby, the Marquess of Reading has been appointed to the captaincy of Deal Castle.

Highness has long passed the age when these ranks were conferred upon the Heir Apparent to the Throne in the past, but it is understood that this delay has been at the desire of the Prince himself.

GOING EAST.

The Ranees of Sarawak has left England with her oldest daughter to join the Rajah in Borneo. The Ranees is the daughter of Lord and Lady Escher, and is a successful novelist. Her eldest daughter was known to the natives as Princess Gold, but that was before the days when she and her sisters were bobbed. Her official title is the Dayang Lebhora of Sarawak.

Mr. H. P. Wilkinson, son of the late Sir Hiram Wilkinson, and until recently a Judge of H. M. High Court at Weihaiwei, was called to the Bar in the Belfast Appeal Court on November 25.

Sir Francis Lacey, formerly secretary of the M.C.C., was married quietly in London on December 11 to Mrs. Marshal Campbell Walker, an enthusiastic follower of cricket and daughter of an Australian. Mr. W. Findlay, Sir Francis Lacey's successor at the M.C.C., was best man.

The French pianist, Mme. Germaine Schnitzer, who has left London for New York, following a tour of the provinces, told me (says a "Daily News" writer) that the finest thing she saw in underrated Great Britain was Edinburgh. "I was enthralled," she said, "by its beauty and majesty, by its unspoiled, untouched history. Edinburgh is the loveliest city I have visited."

The following deaths were announced in mail week: Dr. Samuel Noble, who covered an extensive Lakeland district on horseback, and although nearly 80 volunteered for service in the Great War and worked 16 hours a day examining military recruits at Kendal, in his 90th year. The Rev. Albert E. Raw, who entered the Wesleyan Methodist Ministry in 1886, and for 22 years was an Army Chaplain. Mr. T. W. B. Faulkner, who for many years held various foreign Vice-Consularships, at Cowes, Isle of Wight, aged 65.

Mr. Walter Runciman has left London for a few days' stay in Elgg, the picturesque and historic island in the Hebrides, which he owns. I was looking at a series of handsome photographs of his island home which Mr. Runciman has taken (says a "Daily News" writer). There is romance in the notion of owning an island; and in Elgg there is apparently nothing to destroy the glamour of noble scenery, the ever-changing seascapes, Gaelic names, old superstitions, and such enchanting visions in the dim distance as the Coolin Hills of Skye or the rugged contours of Rum. One of the curious features of the island is that strange formation of basalt known as the Scur of Elgg. This towering height, which looks like a monolith erected by some forgotten race to an unknown god, is believed to be the product of the lava flow from the great volcanic upheavals which threw up the neighbouring Isle of Rum.

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SPORTS SECTION

F. A. CUP.

Draw For the Fourth Round.

CORINTHIANS v. NEWCASTLE.

London, Jan. 10.
In the 2nd round of the Football Association Cup to-day, Oldham lost to Brentford by 2 goals to 1.

[On Saturday the match (also played at Oldham) was abandoned 15 minutes from the end when Oldham were leading by 2 goals to 1. Brentford gain the right of visiting West Ham on Jan. 29.]

London, Jan. 10.
To-day the draw was made for the 4th round of the F. A. Cup (to be played on Jan. 29 on the first-named grounds) and resulted as follows:

Southampton v. Birmingham.
Bournemouth or Liverpool v. Southport.
Leeds v. Bolton.
West Ham v. Brentford.
Sheffield Wednesday v. South Shields.
Derby v. Millwall.
Clapton Orient or Port Vale v. Arsenal.

Reading or Manchester United v. Bristol Rovers or Portsmouth.
Fulham v. Burnley.
Corinthians v. Newcastle.
Barnsley v. Swansea.

Hull v. Everton.
Chelsea v. Accrington.
Darlington v. Cardiff.
Wolverhampton v. Notts Forest.
Preston N.E. v. Middlesbrough.

One of the best attractions will be that between the Corinthians (England's best amateur team) and Newcastle United (a famous Cup team, twice winners of the trophy, and strong in the League this year). Newcastle won 8-1 on Saturday and the Corinthians won 4-0. The former played at home and the latter away; and the draw is just the reverse this time.

Bolton Wanderers, the holders, are again drawn away, after having won at Blackpool on Saturday.

YACHTING.

LADIES' 6TH CHAMPIONSHIP RACES.

Fourteen boats competed yesterday in the sixth championship race for ladies of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

The course (six miles) was from the Club to the "Titanic," Kowloon Rocks and back to the Club.

The order on corrected time (i.e., according to handicap) is given below, with the actual finishing order in parentheses:—
Handicap Class: Colleen (2nd), Dorothea (4), La Linda (3rd), Diana (1st), Fulcon (5th).
Combined Class (One Design, Heyward Hays and Gael): Boojum (1st), Bluenose (3rd), Thelma (8th), Pierrette (5th).
Why Wonder? (4th), Daphne (2nd), Joan (7th), Zephyr (9th), Ailsa (6th).

POINT-TO-POINT.

MOUNTED INFANTRY'S OPEN RACE.

On Sunday at 10.30 a.m., the Mounted Infantry of the Volunteers will hold an open six miles point-to-point race near Fanling, in the New Territories.

The start will be at the foot of the hill below Mody's Bungalow, near the Hunters' Arms, thence across the river around Lau Wai Sui Hang village, then around Kwanti stables and out across the branch railway to the foothills, where there will be a flag, then straight in to the starting point. The course is the shape of half an octagon. Two of the river fordings are eliminated. There will now be only one fording and one bridge to cross.

FAR EAST OLYMPIAD.

Calcutta is preparing to send a party of athletes to compete in the Far Eastern Olympiad at Shanghai in August, next, and already the process of selection has commenced and during the past week tests for swimming events were held under the auspices of the Calcutta Swimming and Sports Association who have been delegated the task by the Bengal Olympic Association who, on their part, are responsible for selecting the swimmers from the Province. An All-India test will be held in February on the results of which the final selections will be made.

HOME RUGGER.

LATEST RESULTS AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

THE PRINCIPAL MATCHES.

London, Dec. 18.

Results of matches played to-day under Rugby Union rules are as follows:—

Birkenhead 21, Old-Edwardsians 0.
Harlequins 36, Gloucester 7.
Leicester 10, Bristol 3.
Liverpool 3, Bradford 32.
Lancely 9, Newport 9.
London Welsh 17, Northampton 9.
Old Merchant Taylors 21, United Services Portsmouth 3.

Richmond 11, Blackheath 8.
Rosslyn 3, London Scottish 13.
Aberdeen 16, Cross Keys 10.
Edinburgh Wanderers 0, Edinburgh Academicals 12.
Edinburgh Institute 4, Heriotians 13.

Neath 21, Swansea 0.
Glasgow High School 35, Royal High School 0.
Stewartians 13, Hartlepool 3.
Cardiff 22, Guy's Hospital 10.
Moseley 3, Coventry 14.

Varsity Match.

London, Dec. 20.

Under Rugby Union rules to-day, Cambridge University beat Edinburgh Academicals, by 19 points to 8.

North Ireland beat Oxford University by 14 points to 8.

A BEAR THAT PLAYS FOOTBALL.



Bruin, the bear mascot of the football team at California University, has been banished from the sidelines during games, because of the undue interest he showed in a recent game when he dashed on the field and tried to tackle one of the players. He also pursued the ball at the wrong time, so now he is chained to the grandstand beside the "fans" who shout.

Wakefield Declines Captaincy.

London, Dec. 18.
W. Wakefield (Harlequins), while still available for rugby internationals, if selected, has requested the English selectors not to consider him for captaincy owing to business claims.

He captained England during the last three seasons.

Under Rugby Union rules, to-day, Cambridge University beat Edinburgh University by six points to three, at Edinburgh; and Daplin Wanderers beat Oxford University by eight points to three.

Surrey's Victory.

London, Dec. 15.

Under Rugby Union rules Portsmouth Services beat Guy's Hospital by 19 points to 6.

In the Rugby County Championship, Surrey beat Eastern Counties by 11 points to nil, at Southend. Warwickshire beat Notts, Lancashire, and Derbyshire by 19 points to 3, at Derby.

RACING AT HOME.

CITY & SUB. TO BE A PLATE RACE.

London, Dec. 16.
The "Racing Calendar" announces that the City and Suburban, which has hitherto been a sweepstake of the value of £1,100 to £1,300 will henceforward be a plate to the value of £2,000, the owner of the winner receiving £1,670.

CAPT. E. W. MORRIS.

Captain E. W. Morris, Hong Kong's Interport cricketer and golfer, has gone to Shanghai for a short stay. He was in the last Hong Kong golf team which, at Shanghai, lost in the replay (after a tie) and he played here against Shanghai at cricket in November.

His duties as honorary secretary of the United Services Recreation Club, Kowloon, have been taken over by Captain Charles.

Opposing Newport on their own ground in a Rugby football match, the Oxford University team were beaten by 33 points to 7.

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BOBBY CRUICKSHANK.

Los Angeles, Jan. 10.
Bobby Cruickshank of Shackamoon, a native of Edinburgh, won the \$10,000 golf tournament with an aggregate score of 282 strokes. Charles Guest of Los Angeles and E. Dudley of Dakhill, tied for second place with 288 each.—Reuter's American Service.

BETTING TAX.

1ST MONTH'S SUBSTANTIAL YIELD.

LESS "ENTERTAINMENT."

London, Dec. 18.
The substantial yield from the betting tax in the first month of its operation has been considerably offset by the loss in entertainments tax due to the diminution in the number of racegoers at even small courses where the local population might be expected to give their support.

Meetings, despite the tax figures, show heavy treasury losses.

LAWN TENNIS.

THIS YEAR'S TOURNAMENT AT H.K.C.C.

On March 1, the annual lawn tennis tournament of the Hong Kong Cricket Club, including the Colony's (men's) open championships, will begin.

LEADING AMERICAN "FLAT" RACE JOCKEY.



Earl Sande, the famous American jockey, is shown being warmly congratulated by Mr. Samuel Riddle after he rode Crusader to victory in the Riggs Handicap, over a course of 2 1/4 miles, winning by two lengths. Mr. Riddle's coffers will be enriched to the extent of \$21,400 by Sande's good horsemanship. Crusader is the son of Man of War.

SECOND TEST.

M.C.C. BEAT ALL-INDIA BY 4 WICKETS.

A THRILLING FINISH.

Calcutta, Jan. 8.
In a thrilling finish the M.C.C. defeated All India in the second unofficial test at Calcutta to-day by four wickets.

The first innings scores were: All India 146, M.C.C. 233. The All India second innings concluded with a total of 269.

Set with 183 to win, the M.C.C. lost Sandham early, but Wyatt played a great innings and made 97 not out. He won the match with Geary, taking the score from 145 for six to the total necessary.

RUGBY TROUBLE.

ALL BLACKS & N. U. CLUBS.

MANAGER & SELECTION.

London, Dec. 22.
The Rugby League Council, who financed the tour, met at Manchester to-day to review the position relating to the domestic troubles of the All-Blacks and Northern Union Clubs.

The troubles began, before the team landed in England.

The present crisis was reached owing to Manager Mair, who, at the behest of the League Council, stood down from the Selection Committee of the All Blacks and decided to resume control, whereupon seven players refused to play.

Demand For "End."

The League Secretary announced that everything possible had been made public, and therefore the Press had not been admitted.

There is a demand from several Clubs that the tour should be ended forthwith, as England has won two Tests.

The Managers announced that the seven rebellious players would not be utilised again, so that the team cannot in any way be representative.

Dispute Settled.

London, Dec. 22.

The Rugby League Council has settled the New Zealand dispute by ruling that Mr. Mair must not act as manager until after Jan. 10. This has been accepted.

BOXER'S RUSE.

NEW YORK OFFICIALS ALMOST DECEIVED.

TWO TWIN BROTHERS.

New York, Dec. 18.
The diminutive twin boys, Joe and Tom Rizzo, who are as alike as red hair and freckles could make them, nearly succeeded in hoaxing the officers of the New Jersey Athletic Club, when Tom, who had trained to meet weight requirements, first outpointed his opponent and then retired to the dressing room, from which Joe, fresh and heavier, issued and knocked his antagonist out.

But the ruse was discovered when the boys made the mistake of departing together.

Llanely defeated the Maori Rugby team by three points to none.

Mr. Reid Walker's Inca won the Grosvenor Cup at Liverpool race meeting.

Abbot's Smile, who finished first in the Markaton Plate at Derby, was disqualified, the race being awarded to the dead-heaters, Embargo and Inca.

Brigadier-General C. Lambton's Attentive, an outsider, won the Salford Plate at Warwick in eight lengths from Buoyant, with Her Excellency third.

LONDON ROBBERY.

\$10,000 LOSS TO HARROD'S STORES.

THREE MEN'S 12 HOURS.

London, Dec. 31.
The most daring and perfectly planned burglary in recent years was carried out last night, at Harrod's Stores, S. W. Jewelry estimated to be worth \$10,000 is missing, and at present there is no clue.

At least three men must have been concerned. Concealing themselves somewhere inside before the Stores closed on Wednesday, they spent nearly 12 hours in the building, during which they broke through 14 doors, prised open 12 strong jewelry cases, and stole at least 2,000 articles of jewelry, packing them in four stolen suit cases.

They had a meal of stolen fruit on the divan in the furnishing department. They also removed two tons of furniture, which was impeding their escape through a secret door. They entered a motor car with the booty, under a policeman's eyes, and vanished.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

January 11—Queen's Theatre: "Greed."

January 11—World Theatre: "The Fast Set."

January 11—Star Theatre: "The Beauty Prize."

January 11—Isaiah's Circus at Kowloon, Chatham Road, 9.15 p.m.

January 12—Cathedral Male Voice Choir gives concert in St. John's Cathedral Hall, in aid of Repair Fund of St. Peter's Church, 9 p.m.

January 20—Musical at Helena May Institute, 6.30 p.m.

January 26—Dance on H.M.S. "Tamar."

January 22—Entries for the forthcoming races close at 3 p.m.

Auction.

January 14—Household furniture will be auctioned at No. 532, the Peak (Magazine Gap) by Messrs. Lammert Bros. at 2.45 p.m.

Meetings.

January 12—Meeting of Marine Engineers' Guild at West Point, 5 p.m.

January 14—Annual meeting of the Cymdeithas Dewi Sant, (St. David's Society) at the offices of Messrs. Johnson Stokes & Master, 5.30 p.m.

January 20—Extraordinary general meeting of China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., 2.30 p.m.

January 27—Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.'s thirty-ninth meeting at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, noon.

January 28—Twenty-ninth meeting of the "Star Ferry Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's office, 11 a.m.

January 31—Annual meeting of seat-holders and subscribers, at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

January 11—President and members of Committee of St. David's Society "at home" to all members of the Society and their Welsh friends in Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, 5.30 to 7.30 p.m.

January 11—Congregation for the conferring of degrees at the University of Hong Kong, 4 p.m.

January 17—Lectures by Mr. A. H. Crook, on "Are we going West?" at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

January 17—Hong Kong Philharmonic Society's first rehearsal of H.M.S. Pinafore, at Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

January 20—H. K. Philharmonic Society's second rehearsal of H.M.S. Pinafore, at Cathedral Hall, 8.45 p.m.

January 21—Hong Kong Automobile Association dinner dance, 8 p.m. to midnight.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 11, 1927, 10.30 a.m.

Name.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	Private Members' Share & Bond Society.
T.T. on London	1/11 1/2	1/11 1/2	1/11 1/2
T.T. on Shanghai	79-7/8	79 1/2	79 1/2
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	(120 b 112 1/2)	110 b	112 b
do. London	115 n	115 n	115 n
Chartered Bank	121 n	121 n	121 n
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	123 n	123 n	123 n
do. C.	123 1/2 n	123 1/2 n	123 1/2 n
P. & O. Bank	129 1/2 b	129 1/2 n	129 1/2 n
Bank of East Asia	84 n	80 n	76 n
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	645 b	650 n	640 n
China Underwriters	145 n	140 n	120 n
North China Insurance	1145 n	1140 n	1140 n
Union Insurance	290 sa	289 b	290 n
Yangtze Insurance	443 M. n	440 n	440 n
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	300 b	300 b	300 n
H.K. Fire Insurance	615 b 616 1/2 sa	615 b	615 b
Shipping.			
Douglases	30 b	28 1/2 b	29 1/2 b
Hongkong Steamboats	35 1/2 n	35 n	35 n
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	110 n	108 n	108 n
Indo-China (Prof)	32 b	30 n	30 n
do. (Def.)	42 b	40 n	40 n
Shell Transports	92 1/2 b	92 1/2 b	88 1/2 n
Star Ferries	58 1/2 b	58 1/2 b	58 1/2 b
Water-boat	15 b	15 n	15 n
Refineries.			
China Sugars	22 n	22 n	21 n
Malayan Sugars	36 n	35 n	36 n
Mining.			
Benguet	140 n	140 n	140 n
Kailan Mining Ad.	35 n	35 n	35 n
Langkats (Combined)	25 n	25 n	25 n
do. (Single)	12 1/2 n	12 n	12 n
Shanghai Exploration	14 1/2 n	14 n	14 n
Shanghai Loan	18 n	18 n	18 n
Raub	4 1/2 n	4 1/2 n	3 1/2 n
Tronoh Mines	21 1/2 n	21 1/2 n	21 1/2 n
Ural Caspians	8 n	8 n	8 n
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	113 sa	112 1/2 b 113 sa	112 1/2 b
H.K. & W. Docks	45 n	40 b 41 1/2 s	43 n
Hongkows	1170 n	1170 n	1170 n
New Engineerings	16 n	16 n	16 n
Shanghai Docks	110 n	115 n	113 n
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	8 n	7 1/2 b & sa	7 1/2 n
Hongkong Lands	54 1/2 b	54 1/2 b 54 1/2 s	54 1/2 b
Hongkong Realty	6 n	6 n	6 n
H.K. Territorial	3 n	3 n	3 n
Humphreys Estates	14 1/2 n	14 n	13 1/2 n
Prince's Building	80 n	80 n	80 n
Rural Lands	1 1/2 n	1 1/2 n	1 1/2 n
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	70 10 s	9 15 n	9 n
Oriental	12 1/2 n	12 1/2 n	12 1/2 n
Shanghai Cottons (old)	154 n	154 n	154 n
do. (new)	7 1/2 n	7 1/2 n	7 1/2 n
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ice	5 n	5 n	5 n
Cements (comb.)	10 n	9 n	8 n
do. (old)	9 n	7 1/2 n	6 1/2 n
do. (new)	13 1/2 n	14 n	14 n
China Buses	0 1/2 b	0 1/2 n	0 1/2 n
China Lights (comb.)	16 n	16 n	16 n
do. (old)	13 n	11 1/2 n	12 n
do. (new)	9 1/2 n	8 1/2 n	8 n
China Prov.	5 n	5 n	4 1/2 n
Dairy Farms	18 1/2 n	18 1/2 n	18 1/2 n
Der A. Wing	6 n	6 n	6 n
Hongkong Amusements	15 1/2 n	15 1/2 n	15 1/2 n
H.K. Constructions	15 1/2 n	15 1/2 n	15 1/2 n
Hongkong Electrics	2 n	2 n	2 n
H.K. Ropes (old)	58 n	57 1/2 b 58 sa	57 1/2 b 58 sa
do. (new)	10 n	10 n	10 n
Hongkong Tramways	5 n	5 n	5 n
Lane, Crawford	2 1/2 n	2 1/2 n	2 1/2 n
Macao Electric	8 n	7 n	7 n
Mackintosh	19 1/2 n	19 1/2 n	19 1/2 n
Nanyang Tobaccos	35 n	35 n	35 n
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/2 b	15 b	15 n
do. (new)	7 1/2 n	8 n	7 1/2 n
Sinceres	9 1/2 n	9 1/2 n	9 n
Singapore Trams	13 1/2 n	10 1/2 n	11 n
Taxi	2 n	2 n	80 Cts n
United Asbestos	20 n	20 n	20 n
do. (Founders)	20 n	600 n	600 n
do. (Ordinary)	20 n	13 1/2 n	13 n
Watsons	13 n	13 1/2 n	13 n
Wm. Powells	6 1/2 n	5 n	5 n
H.K. Telephones	3 1/2 n	3 1/2 n	3 1/2 n

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RADIO TOPICS

READING & RADIO.

DUCHESS IN FAVOUR OF BOOKS.

The Duchess of Atholl, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education, speaking at the jubilee celebration meeting in connection with the Hackney Downs Schools, formerly known as the Grocers' Company School, said that were some who thought that wireless would take the place of reading, but however much they might welcome the introduction of broadcasting into their homes, or however much pleasure they might derive from it, let them not think that broadcasting could ever do what a good book could do for them.

For one thing, no matter how wide might be the scope of the programme of the Broadcasting Corporation, they could not get the same opportunity of choice in any programme presented as in the

NOT RIVALS.

RADIO AND PHONOGRAPH IN SAME ROOM.

"Wireless is all right, but I think I would sooner have a phonograph."

This remark is sometimes heard when conversation turns on the subject of having a set in the home. The statement is interesting because it indicates, to an extent, how the average man who does not possess a radio set regards wireless. Evidently he thinks of wireless and the phonograph as rivals, fulfilling the same function, and not need to bother about the other.

This point of view is only half correct. Both provide musical entertainment, but there the comparison ends. The phonograph brings into the home reproductions of the voices of the world's best (and sometimes worst) artists; it supplies a means whereby those records may be reproduced at will. It takes, as it were, the nightingale

NOTES FOR ROVERS.

RESHUFFLE BY GERMAN STATIONS.

There has been a slight reshuffle of wave lengths among six German stations in time for the general change over to the Geneva scheme. This does not involve any departure from the general principle laid down by the International Office that, to avoid interference, stations using exclusive wave lengths must be separated by a frequency of ten kilocycles a second. All the stations involved in the readjustment have exclusive wave lengths. —Germany was allotted twelve altogether—and it does not seem that the change over will make a great deal of difference to British listeners who go roving. Under the new arrangement Frankfurt has exchanged wave lengths with Hamburg, Hamburg with Leipzig, Leipzig with Breslau, Breslau with Königsberg, and Königsberg with Munster. Of these stations,



Typical Roumanian peasants, utilizing their yard for shelling corn and for storage of a winter's supply of dried fruits and herbs.

case of books from good library. The choice of those excellent people responsible for broadcasting might be quite admirable, but after all human nature was infinite in its variety and taste, and she would be sorry indeed if any, especially British boys, could be found ready to go through life entirely dependent upon the choice and selection of someone else.

trill of a Melba and carves its wonderful likeness in stone, there for all the world to use, and for all the generations who will come after. That is the marvellous achievement of the phonograph, and in setting out the advantages of radio there is no need to decry Edison's invention.

Cup Broadcast.

One of the differences between the two is that radio deals with the thing that is; the phonograph with the thing that has been. There is an important psychological difference. The record was made months ago; the radio singer is singing now.

Radio combines musical entertainment with news; and the latter phase is growing. Nowadays few important social or sporting fixtures are left unchronicled by the broadcaster. This constitutes the vital difference between the two. Wireless gives one the thing that is happening now—whether it be a song, a story, a Lord Mayor's reception, or a horse race. Those who listened to the broadcast description of a race will understand that radio serves a purpose beyond the scope of the phonograph. There is room for both inventions.

For the last transmission by the British Broadcasting Company, on New Year's Eve, a special programme traced the growth of broadcasting in Britain from its earliest days.

Frankfurt, Hamburg, and Leipzig, all of which work on high power, are most familiar to British listeners. As far as Frankfurt is concerned the new adjustment is probably meant to make the change less drastic for local listeners, though there will still be a big alteration when the station drops to 428.6 metres, while Hamburg will only have to alter its present wave length to 394.7 metres. Leipzig in any event had to slide a long way down the scale, and changing over with Breslau to 357.1 has only slightly helped matters.

ROUND THE EMPIRE RADIO.

Details of a broadcasting scheme to link up the British Empire were given by Mr. G. L. Marshall, Glasgow broadcast station director, in an address to the Publicity Club.

He said that transmissions from Dayentry would be received at Pictou, New Brunswick, and conveyed across Canada by land line to Vancouver Island, where they would be retransmitted to Fanning Island, in the Pacific, and thence to Sydney, New South Wales.

The signals would then be relayed to New Zealand and simultaneously sent by land line to Perth, then on to Bombay, and eventually back to Keston, Kent, through a repeater station in Cyprus, thus encircling the globe.

The scheme was, he thought, going to be put into operation and would cost at least £1,000,000.

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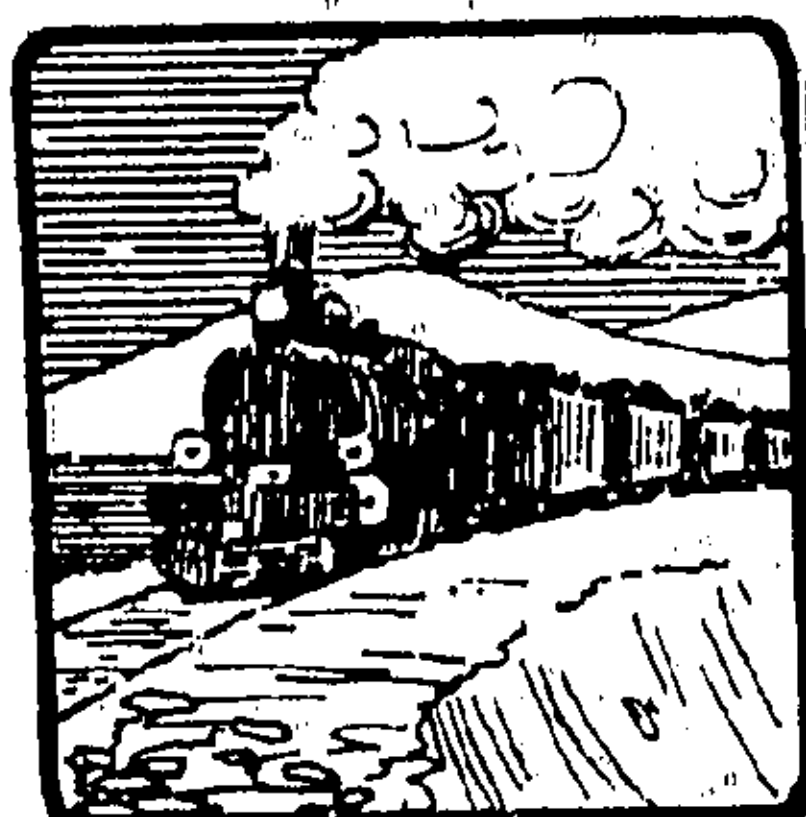
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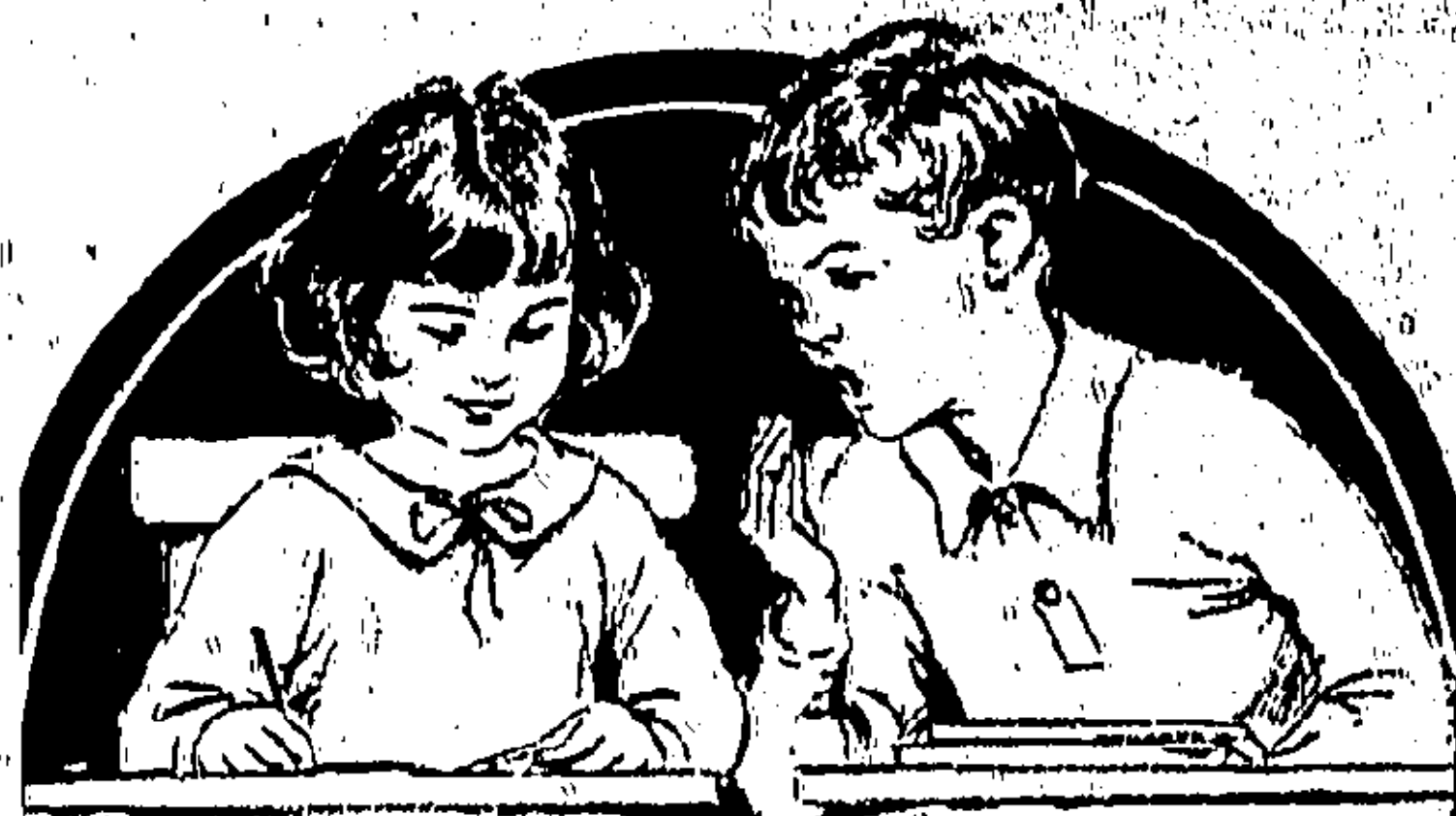
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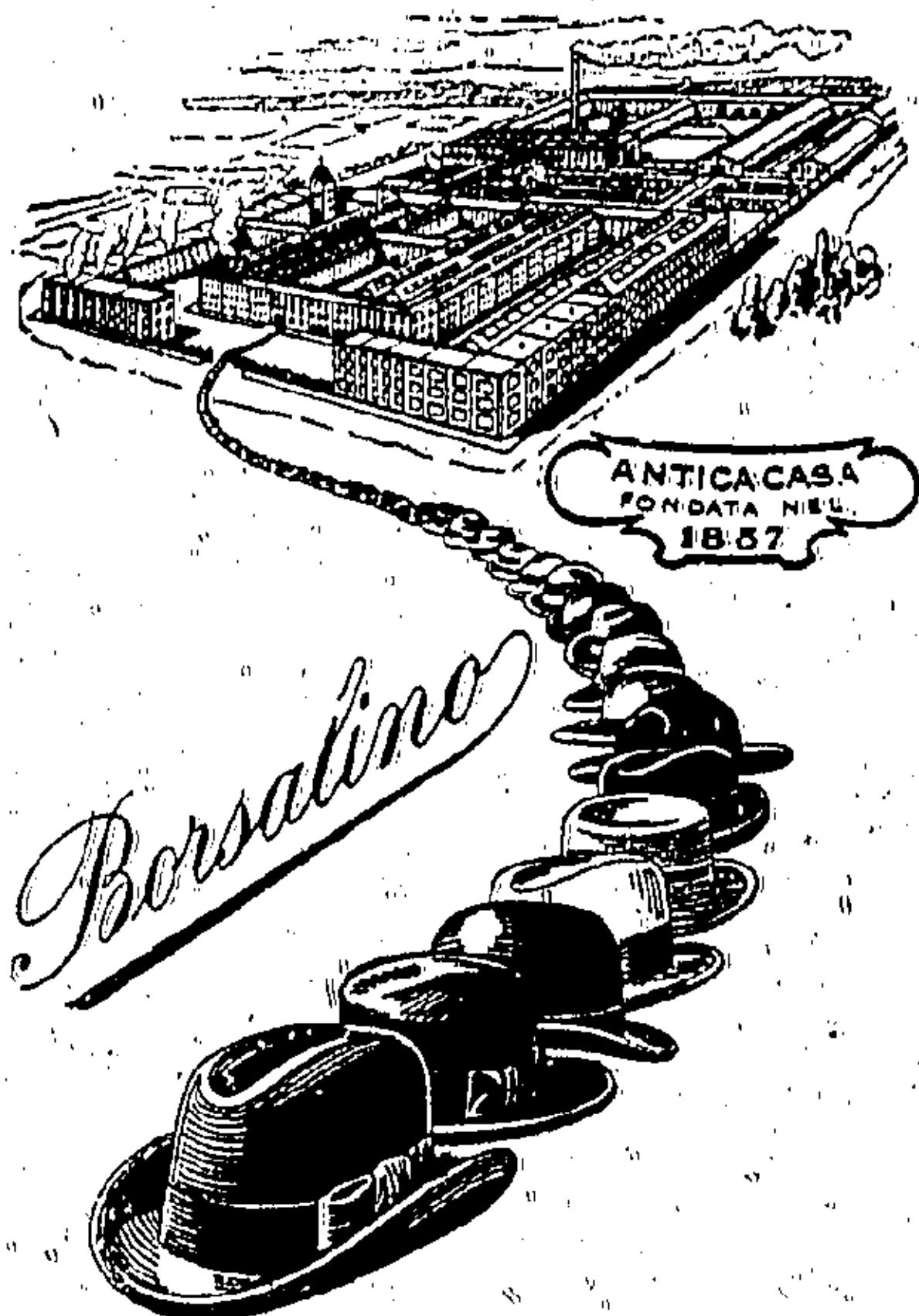
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAS

M. Daessner, the French Ambassador to Turkey, has left Constantinople for Ankara.

An effort is being made to raise \$25,000 to lay out 40 additional acres of ground as an extension of the Zoological Park at Edinburgh.

During the fog a "cat" thief gained access to the house of Mrs. A. J. Jessel, of Gloucester-square, Hyde Park, W., and stole jewellery valued at £800.

Mrs. Mabel Gertrude Louise Vary, who was going to Sydon, Leicestershire, from Mombasa, died from cerebral hemorrhage on the voyage to Plymouth.

In heavy weather Harry Smith, aged 20, of Kessingland, Suffolk, dived from a Lowestoft trawler and rescued one of the crew who had fallen overboard.

Prosecutions of listeners who are evading payment of the broadcasting licence fee are impending all over the country. Special efforts to track such listeners are being made by the Post Office.

The Victoria Point wireless station, the discontinuance of which led to the long silence of Sir Alan Cobham on his return flight from Australia, has been reopened, says a Rangoon message.

After having remained a mystery for 600 years, Roger Bacon's secret formula for the production of copper salts has been deciphered, and proved in laboratory tests by Professor William Newbold, of the University of Pennsylvania.

A message from Ottawa states that the Estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31 next, tabled in the House of Commons totalled \$191,000,000 exactly the same sum as appeared in the Estimates submitted to the last Parliament, which were not passed.

Presiding at the annual meeting of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, Lord D'Abernon urged that the Betting Tax should be modified so that the race fund should not be unduly starved. The first claim was that the tax should be levied on wimpings, and not on turnover.

Epsom is to have a new passenger station, to cost £90,000.

Professor Karl Eberth, formerly Director of the Pathological Institute at Halle, died on December 2 in his 92nd year. Professor Eberth is known to science as the discoverer of the typhus bacillus.

Ten bronze masks, believed to be of Phœnician origin, are among a number of archaeological remains which Professor Lacken, the Belgian scientist, has discovered in some caves to the south of Agadir.

Owing to complaints that people queuing up for pit and gallery at the New Theatre, London, have been deceived of money by men who have "promised" to keep good seats, they, queues now book their seats under police protection.



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Frocks which grace youth must be practical as well as chic. Youth is eternally active, and freedom of movement must be stressed. The one-piece dress for winter which is exhibited in Paris boasts a graceful outline even though it be trim in detail.

Colours are, as usual, vivid in the winter mode. After a summer season of pastel tints, the Autumn season opened with a riot of colour for contrast.

Just now, black is having a remarkable vogue. The black satin appears everywhere that smart folk assemble. Frequently it is livened by trimming which includes the new winter shades—magenta, royal blue, gold and Cardinal red.

The waistline appears fairly low in most Paris gowns. The back is often bloused. Panels appear on all sides. The two-piece frock is again seen boasting an odd sleeve. Circular flounces, berthes, wide sleeves, dolman sleeves and puffed sleeves are a few of the innovations which will mark a brilliant winter season. The new Constances, Talma, who is seen wearing several novel costumes in the First National film, "The Duchess of

Hats Reach New Heights in Chic.



The popularity of the very large hat during the spring and summer season has permanently threatened the chic of the cloche for all occasions—and principally in fashions. Felt hats—and have been—sharing their smartness with hats of other materials. The winter season too, brings into vogue a hat of new lines and choosing new fabrics to weave its smartness.

Brims vary from nothing at all to brims of great dimensions. The very large Milan has been succeeded by the large Moire, the wide brimmed felt, the sailor hat and the velvet hat with sweeping lines of graceful appeal and formal tendencies.

A Parisian version of the very large hat is one with a sloped crown which for some reason is called "square"—and a brim which flatteringly shades the eyes. Its brim is slightly larger in front but the back, while possessing less width, droops equally low and almost touches the neck. These hats possess little in the way of trimming and are satisfied with an almost tailored bow either in the front or in the back and usually find moire ribbon—or velvet—a smart means of decoration.

A hat for more informal occasions which is very chic in its lines is the very tall, brimmed hat. The crown is of the "square" variety and while it possesses a brim, it is so tiny as to be almost invisible. This new hat usually

Buffalo, has selected a new gown of charming simplicity for one of the scenes. It is of black satin with interesting sleeves gaily embroidered in blue and gold.

The execution of Henry McCabe for the murder of six persons at Malahide, Co. Dublin, has taken place in Dublin.

The Queen has sent £100 in support of Mrs. Cecil Chesterton's scheme to provide lodging houses in London for homeless women.

Of the £30,217 realised by the Aldershot Command search-light tattoo, £18,861 17s. 11d. has been paid over to the Aldershot Command Trust.

The death has occurred in Dublin of Dr. Bremen, the distinguished archaeologist, and keeper of Irish antiquities in the National Museum.

Vice-Admiral H. W. Grant, joint managing director of the Eastern Telegraph Company, has been elected to the board of the Western Telegraph Co.

The Egyptian Government, according to the Cairo newspapers, intends to dispense with the services of all junior foreign officials on the expiry of their present contracts.

Czecho-Slovakian politicians are seeking the aid of Poland with a view to forming a strong group of Slav nations to act as a barrier between Western Europe and Communist Russia.

Said to be the first case under the new Milk and Dairies Order, Messrs. J. Rose and Sons, of Lancaster Road, Kensington, were fined 10s. at Kensington for allowing milk to stand in uncovered pails in a passage.

Major R. G. Meredith, R.A.M.C. of the British Rhine Army, stated to be a Londoner, dropped dead at the Quisisana Hotel, Wiesbaden, this being the third sudden death among R.A.M.C. officers in the town.

The first international conference for women Socialists opened in Brussels, thirty delegates, representing eleven countries, being present. The British representatives included Miss Susan Lawrence, M.P., Dr. Marion Phillips, and Miss Dorothea Jewson.

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